

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2024 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

### House Bill 4234

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NOTE

By Delegate C. Pritt

[Introduced January 10, 2024; Referred  
to the Committee on Senior, Children, and Family  
Issues then Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §48-22-803, relating to providing that a guardian ad litem may not be appointed  
3 in an adoption proceeding when both birth parents have signed proper relinquishments.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 22. ADOPTION.**

**§48-22-803. No appointment of a guardian ad litem when both birth parents have signed a  
relinquishment.**

1 In a proceeding for adoption, a guardian ad litem may not be appointed by the court if both  
2 birth parents have signed a relinquishment in accordance with and meeting all of the requirements  
3 of §48-22-305 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that a guardian ad litem may not be appointed in an adoption proceeding when both birth parents have signed proper relinquishments.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.