

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1943



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 225

(By Mr. La Follette, by request.)



PASSED March 11, 1943

In Effect from Passage

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article three, chapter forty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter seventy-three, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-one, relating to relinquishment of a child to a child welfare agency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article three, chapter forty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter seventy-three, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-one, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 1. *Private Child Welfare Agencies.*—Whenever
2 a child welfare agency licensed to place children for
3 adoption shall have been given the permanent care, cus-

4 today and guardianship of any child and the rights of the
5 parents of such child shall have been terminated by or-
6 der of a court of competent jurisdiction or by a legally
7 executed relinquishment of parental rights, the child
8 welfare agency may consent to the adoption of such child
9 pursuant to the statutes regulating adoption proceedings.

10 The parents or the surviving parent of a child or the
11 mother of an illegitimate child may relinquish the child
12 to a child welfare agency licensed to place children for
13 adoption by a written statement signed before two wit-
14 nesses in the presence of a representative of the child
15 welfare agency, and acknowledged as deeds are required
16 to be acknowledged by law.

FILED AND RECEIPTED FOR, TONIGHT,

THIS THE 18th DAY OF MARCH, 1943.

WM. S. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Ray J. Quinn
Chairman Senate Committee

Ray J. Quinn
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the

House of Delegates

Takes effect

from

passage.

Atlee Watkins
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

James Paul
President of the Senate

John E. Quinn
Speaker House of Delegates

The within _____ this the _____

day of _____, 1943.

Governor.