WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1943

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 225

(By Mr. LaFollette, by request.)

PASSED March 11, 1943

In Effect from Passage
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 a child welfare agency licensed to place children for adoption shall have been given the permanent care, cus-
tody and guardianship of any child and the rights of the
parents of such child shall have been terminated by or-
der of a court of competent jurisdiction or by a legally
executed relinquishment of parental rights, the child
welfare agency may consent to the adoption of such child
pursuant to the statutes regulating adoption proceedings.
The parents or the surviving parent of a child or the
mother of an illegitimate child may relinquish the child
to a child welfare agency licensed to place children for
adoption by a written statement signed before two wit-
nesses in the presence of a representative of the child
welfare agency, and acknowledged as deeds are required
to be acknowledged by law.
FILED AND RECEIVED 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.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within this the
day of , 1943.

Governor.