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SENATE BILL NO. 45

(By Mr. DAVIS)

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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, relating to private child welfare agencies.

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, 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,
4 custody and guardianship of any child and the rights of

5 the parents of such child shall have been terminated by
6 order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by a legally
7 executed relinquishment of parental rights, the child wel-
8 fare 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 acknowledged as deeds
14 are required to be acknowledged by law: *Provided, how-*
15 *ever,* That if either of the parents of such child is under
16 twenty-one years of age, such relinquishment shall not
17 be valid unless and until the same shall have been ap-
18 proved in writing by a judge of a juvenile court of the
19 county in which such parent may reside or in which such
20 relinquishment is made.

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

Samuel Davis, Jr.
 Chairman Senate Committee
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Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect From passage.

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The within approved this the 9th
 day of February, 1959.

W. H. Henderson
 Governor