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SENATE BILL NO. 45

(By Mr. DAVIS)

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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 a child welfare agency licensed to place children for adoption shall have been given the permanent care, custody and guardianship of any child and the rights of
the parents of such child shall have been terminated by order 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 acknowledged as deeds are required to be acknowledged by law: Provided, however, That if either of the parents of such child is under twenty-one years of age, such relinquishment shall not be valid unless and until the same shall have been approved in writing by a judge of a juvenile court of the county in which such parent may reside or in which such relinquishment is made.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Member

Eudora Andrews

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 9th day of September, 1958.

Governor