

Section 3. The members of the colony established in the preceding section shall, to all intents and purposes, be members of the state soldiers' home and subject to all the rules and regulations thereof, except the requirements of fatigue duty, and each member shall, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Director of Business Control, be supplied with medical attendance and supplies from the home dispensary and rations not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) per month in value, and clothing not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year in value.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Appropriation.

Passed the Senate February 10, 1939.

Passed the House March 9, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1939.

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## CHAPTER 162.

[S. B. 241.]

### PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO ADOPT CHILDREN.

AN ACT relating to the welfare of minor children, their care, custody, control and adoption, and providing penalties; amending sections 1, 4 and 5 of chapter 150 of the Laws of 1935 and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. That section 1 of chapter 150 of the Laws of 1935 (section 1700-1 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 592-34 of Pierce's Code) be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, society, association or corporation, except the parents, to assume the permanent care, custody or

Amends  
§ 1700-1 Rem.  
Rev. Stat.;  
§ 592-34 P. C.

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control of any child under the age of majority, unless authorized so to do by a written order of a superior court of the state. It shall be unlawful, without the written order of the superior court having first been obtained, for any parent or parents to in anywise relinquish or transfer to another person, firm, society, association or corporation, the permanent care, custody or control of any child under the age of majority, and any such relinquishment or transfer shall be void: *Provided, however,* That where one spouse shall petition a superior court to adopt the child of the other spouse, no order for relinquishment or transfer shall be necessary, but the duly signed and verified joinder by such other spouse in such petition to adopt, and the order of adoption shall constitute a sufficient relinquishment and transfer for the purposes of this act, and shall be conclusive as to the consent of such other spouse and the authorization and approval of said superior court to such transfer: *And provided, further,* That waivers and relinquishments heretofore signed by the parent or parents of said children or child shall be given the same force and effect as would be given prior to the enactment of this law. None of the court proceedings in conformity with this section shall be open to the public unless otherwise directed by the presiding judge.

Amends  
§ 1700-4, Rem.  
Rev. Stat.;  
§ 592-37 P. C.

SEC. 2. That section 4 of chapter 150 of the Laws of 1935 (section 1700-4 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 592-37 of Pierce's Code) be amended to read as follows:

Order of  
relinquish-  
ment.

Section 4. No licensee of a maternity hospital, physician, midwife or nurse or any other person shall undertake directly or indirectly to dispose of infants by placing them in family homes for adoption or otherwise, until after the order of relinquishment shall become final: *Provided, however,* That this shall not apply to spouses either of whom is the

parent of such child where the family home wherein said child is placed is the home of said spouses. No licensee as an inducement to a woman to go to any maternity hospital for confinement care shall in any way offer to dispose of any child or advertise that he will give children for adoption or hold himself out directly or indirectly as being able to dispose of children.

SEC. 3. That section 5 of chapter 150 of the Laws of 1935 (section 1700-5 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 592-38 of Pierce's Code) be amended to read as follows:

Amends  
§ 1700-5 Rem.  
Rev. Stat.;  
§ 592-38  
P. C.

Section 5. No order for the relinquishment or transfer of any minor child shall become final or binding until the expiration of ten days from the entering of such order, and during such period and until an order for adoption shall have been entered the child shall continue to all intents and for all purposes the child of the person or persons so relinquishing or transferring as if no order had been entered; it being intended by this section to fix and define the period of time during which the court may make or cause to be made the investigation to determine the fitness and propriety of relinquishment, transfer, or adoption, as provided by law: *Provided*, That in the event no order for adoption is entered but the court determines from its investigation or otherwise that the welfare of the child requires, then the court may order said child committed as a dependent child: *Provided, further*, That if the court shall be satisfied that ten days is an insufficient period in which to make the necessary investigation, then the time may be extended not to exceed ninety days.

Order final.  
When.

When a petition for adoption is filed, the court shall enter its order of relinquishment and transfer forthwith: *Provided*, There is filed with the petition

the written waiver of the parent or parents of the person to be adopted.

Effective  
immediately.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and morals, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1939.

Passed the House March 9, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1939.

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## CHAPTER 163.

[S. B. 242.]

### ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

AN ACT relating to adoption; providing for investigation; and amending section 1 of chapter 158 of the Laws of 1927 and section 1669 of the Code of 1881; repealing section 1668 of the Code of 1881; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Amends  
§ 1696 Rem.  
Rev. Stat.;  
§ 9813 P. C.

SECTION 1. That section 1 of chapter 158 of the Laws of 1927 (section 1696 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 9813 of Pierce's Code) be amended to read as follows:

Petition for  
leave to  
adopt.

Section 1. Any inhabitant of this state, not married, or any husband or wife jointly, may petition the superior court of the county of their residence, or the county of the residence of the person to be adopted, for leave to adopt, and change the name if desired, of any person, but a written consent must be given to such adoption by the person, if of the age of fourteen years, and if under the age of twenty-one years by each of his or her living parents, or in case the child be illegitimate, by his or her living mother: *Provided*, That the consent of the parent shall not be required in the following cases, to-wit: