

CHAPTER 150.

[H. B. 425.]

WELFARE OF MINOR CHILDREN.

AN Act relating to the welfare of minor children, their care, custody, control and adoption, and providing penalties and repealing chapter 62 of the Laws of 1933.

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

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

Societies for care of children to be authorized by court.

Cannot transfer.

Proceedings not open to public.

Record of child; must include.

SEC. 2. Every person, firm, society, association or corporation receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for a minor child, shall keep a record in which shall be shown the names, ages, present and former addresses, occupations and characters, of the parents of every such child, so far as is known, and also the name, date of birth, date and manner of reception, date of placing for adoption

of each child, together with the name, occupation and residence of the person or persons with whom each child is placed for adoption or otherwise, and the reason and purpose of such placing, the date and cause of cancellation of any placing out of each child, the date and cause of removal to any other home or homes, the names and residences of all persons in whose custody or care each child is placed, the date and by whom each child is legally adopted, and also a history of each child over the period that such child is under the care, custody or control of such person, firm, society, association or corporation.

Placing
child for
adoption.

History of
child while
under
care.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to show or to divulge the contents of any of the court records existing by reason of section 1 or of the records required to be kept under section 2 of this act, except on written order of the superior court made upon a petition showing to the satisfaction of the court that the divulging of the information would inure to the benefit of the child.

Contents
of court
records
secret.

Divulging
information.

SEC. 4. No licensee of a maternity hospital, physician, mid-wife 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. 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.

No disposal
of children
until order
of relin-
quishment
final.

SEC. 5. No order for the relinquishment of any minor child shall become final or binding until the expiration of ten days from the entering of such order.

Ten days
after
entering
order.

Violation.

SEC. 6. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Repeals
ch. 62, Laws
of 1933.

SEC. 7. Chapter 62 of the Laws of 1933 be and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed the House March 11, 1935.

Passed the Senate March 13, 1935.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1935.

CHAPTER 151.

[H. B. 497.]

CLARKSTON BRIDGE.

AN ACT providing for use of funds from the motor vehicle fund in cooperation with other funds for the construction of a bridge between Clarkston, Washington, and Lewiston, Idaho, over the Snake river.

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

SECTION 1. That subject to a satisfactory agreement and financial cooperation between the State of Idaho and the Federal government, the director of highways is hereby empowered and directed to use such funds as may be necessary from the motor vehicle fund for the construction of a bridge as an extension of state road No. 3 crossing the Snake river on the boundary between the State of Washington and the State of Idaho at the most feasible point between Clarkston, in the State of Washington, and Lewiston, in the State of Idaho.

Construc-
tion of
bridge over
Snake River.

SEC. 2. That the director of highways be and is hereby empowered and directed to enter into such negotiations and agreements with the Federal government and the State of Idaho, or either, for the purpose of providing for cooperation between the Federal government or the State of Idaho, or both,

Cooperation
with Fed-
eral govern-
ment, Idaho,
and Wash-
ington.