

assistance may be changed or assistance may be entirely withdrawn if the Welfare Department finds that the child's circumstances have altered sufficiently to warrant such action.

Section 10. **LIMITATIONS OF ACT.** All assistance granted under this Act shall be deemed to be granted and to be held subject to the provisions of any amending or repealing Act that may hereafter be passed, and no person shall have any claim for compensation, or otherwise, by reason of a child's assistance being affected in any way by any amending or repealing Act. Limitations.

Section 11. **SHORT TITLE.** This Act may be cited as the "Aid to Dependent Children Act." Title.

Section 12. **REPEAL OF EXISTING LAWS.** Any laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and specifically Section 26, Chapter 65, Session Laws of Alaska, 1929, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 89, Session Laws of Alaska, 1933 and Section 27, Chapter 65, Session Laws of Alaska, 1929, referred to in the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1933, as Sections 1821 and 1822. Repeal clause.

Approved March 24, 1945.

CHAPTER 60

AN ACT

[H. B. 69]

To amend Chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1943, relating to juvenile delinquents.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. That Section 10 of Chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1943, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Hearing conducted by court.

“Section 10. HEARING: JUDGMENT. The court may conduct the hearing in an informal manner in chambers or otherwise and may adjourn the hearing from time to time. In the hearing of any case, the public shall be excluded, but for good and sufficient reasons compatible with the best interests of the child, may permit others to be present.

Without jury.

“Proceedings under this Act shall be without jury and the rules of evidence may be relaxed.

“If the court shall find the child falls within any of the provisions of this Act, an order shall be duly entered:

“(1) Committing the child to the Territorial Department of Public Welfare; or

“(2) Releasing the child to the care and custody of the parent, guardian, or other suitable person, under the supervision of the Department of Public Welfare.

How committed.

“No adjudication upon the status of any child shall operate to impose any of the civil disabilities imposed by conviction upon a criminal charge, nor shall any child be deemed a criminal by such adjudication, nor shall such adjudication be deemed a conviction, nor shall any child be charged with or convicted of a crime in any court, except as provided in Section 9 of this Act. The disposition of a child or any evidence given in the court shall not be admissible as evidence against the child in any case or proceedings, nor shall such disposition or evidence operate to disqualify a child in any future civil service examination or appointment in the Territory.

“Upon entering an order of commitment the Court shall transmit a copy of its information and findings, together with the order of commitment to the Department of Public Welfare to which the child has been committed.”

Section 2. That Section 12 of said chapter is amended to read as follows:

“Section 12. SETTING ASIDE OR VACATING OF JUDGMENT. The court shall retain jurisdiction over the case and may at any time stay execution, modify, set aside, revoke or arrest judgment or grant a new hearing, in the exercise of its powers of protection over the child and for its best interests at any time during his minority. An application for that purpose may be prepared by the Department of Public Welfare or any interested person acting in behalf of the child, or on its own motion on giving reasonable notice to interested parties and Department of Public Welfare. Whenever upon due hearing, the Court shall determine that it is for the best interests of the child that he be released to the care or custody of his parent or guardian, it shall make its order and judgment accordingly and the child shall thereupon be discharged from the control of the Department of Public Welfare, but no child shall continue under the care, supervision, or control of the Department of Public Welfare beyond his minority.”

Court retain
jurisdiction.

Section 3. That Section 13 of said chapter is amended to read as follows:

“Section 13. APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS. Whenever in the course of proceedings instituted under this Act it shall appear to the

Appointment
of guardians.

court that the welfare of a child will be promoted by the appointment of a guardian of his person, the court shall have jurisdiction to make such appointment. The court shall cause a summons to be issued and served upon the parents of such child, if they can be found, in such manner and within such time prior to the hearing as the court may deem reasonable. The court may determine whether the father or mother, or the Department of Public Welfare, or other person shall have the custody and control of the child. If the child is over fourteen (14) years of age, his desires in the matter shall be given consideration by the court."

Section 4. That Section 15 of said chapter is amended to read as follows:

Place of
detention.

"Section 15. PLACE OF DETENTION. No child under eighteen (18) years of age shall be committed to a jail and no such child shall be detained in a jail pending hearing, or transfer to the custody of the Department of Public Welfare, except for his safety or that of others. A child detained in jail shall be assigned to a room or place apart from adults, if this be possible. Immediate notice of such detention shall be sent to the Department of Public Welfare, who shall as promptly as possible arrange other care for the child.

"Whenever any child is committed under the provisions of this Act, the court may provide for his temporary care."

Section 5. That Section 16 of said chapter is amended to read as follows:

Care arranged
by Welfare
Department.

"Section 16. PROVISIONS FOR CARE. The Department of Public Welfare shall arrange for

care of every child committed to its custody by placing him in a foster home or in the care of an agency or institution providing care for children within or outside the Territory of Alaska. The Department may place such child in a suitable family home, with or without compensation and may place any child for whom it has been appointed as guardian, in a home for adoption in accordance with existing law. The Department is authorized to pay such costs of maintenance as may be necessary to assure adequate care of such child, and is also authorized to accept in behalf of the Territory such funds from the Federal Government as may be contributed or granted to assist in carrying out the purposes of this Act, or as may be paid under contract entered into with any Federal department or agency. No child under the care of the Department shall be placed in a family home or institution that does not maintain the standards of care established or required by it."

Authorized to
accept Federal
funds.

Section 6. That Section 17 of said chapter is amended to read as follows:

"Section 17. SUPERVISION: REPORTS. A representative of the Department shall visit as often as is deemed necessary, every foster home or institution in which any child has been placed, and if not satisfied as to the care given, may remove such child from the foster home or institution and place him elsewhere.

Supervision—
Power to
remove.

"Any person or institution receiving any such child shall submit such reports as to the education, health and welfare of the child and the conditions under which he is living, as may be required by the Department."

Section 7. That Section 18 of said chapter is amended to read as follows:

Standards—
Rules made by
Welfare
Department.

“Section 18. STANDARDS OF CARE. The Department of Public Welfare shall establish standards of care and rules and regulations desirable for the welfare of any child under its care.”

Section 8. That Section 19 of said chapter is amended to read as follows:

Department.
Payment of
costs by Welfare

“Section 19. PAYMENT OF COSTS. To carry this Act into effect, the proper and necessary costs of the court and witnesses and other expenses necessarily incurred in enforcement of this chapter shall be borne by the Department of Public Welfare from funds made available to it under the provisions of this Act.

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CHAPTER 61

AN ACT

[H. B. 53]

To provide for the issuance of motor vehicles certificates of ownership, for other purposes, and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to require owners of motor vehicles in the Territory to secure certificates of ownership of such vehicles in order to deter traffic in stolen motor vehicles.

Certificate of
ownership.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person (a) to operate any vehicle in the Territory under a Territorial

Unlawful to
operate without.