

No. 3497.

An Act to amend the *Neglected Children's Act 1915.*

[23rd December, 1926.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Children's Welfare Act 1926* and shall be read and construed as one with the *Neglected Children's Act 1915* also known as the *Children's Welfare Act 1915* (hereinafter called the Principal Act) and the Act amending the same which Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Children's Welfare Acts.

Short title
construction
and citation.
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2. At the end of section sixty-four and of section sixty-seven of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-section :—

Amendment of
No. 2703 ss. 64,
67.

“(2) Where the Minister after due investigation deems it expedient the Governor in Council may at any time order that such person or institution shall cease to have the custody or care of such child, and thereupon, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Children's Welfare Acts, such person or institution shall cease to have the custody or care of or to have any authority to detain such child, and such person or the manager of such institution shall cease to be the guardian of the person and estate of such child.”

Power of
Governor in
Council where
care of child is
committed to
private person
or institution.

3. Without affecting the duties and liabilities of persons or institutions under section sixty-eight of the Principal Act, every person and the manager of every institution to whose care any child is committed under the provisions of Part VIII. of the Principal Act and every person entrusted with the care of any such child by any such person

Private persons
and institutions
having care of
child committed
to them to
answer certain
inquiries
respecting the
child.

No. 2703 s. 68.
1b. Part VIII.

person or institution shall answer fully and truly and to the best of his knowledge and belief all inquiries respecting such child—

- (i) made or caused to be made, whether orally or in writing, by the Minister or some person authorized in writing in that behalf by the Minister; and
- (ii) which in the opinion of the Minister or person authorized as aforesaid are necessary or expedient to be made for the purpose of carrying into effect the purposes of sub-section (2) of section sixty-four or of sub-section (2) of section sixty-seven of the Principal Act as amended by this Act.