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A LAW TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE CARE OR WELFARE OF
CHILDREN IN CERTAIN CASES AND FOR MATTERS
CONNECTED THEREWITH AND INCIDENTAL THERETO.

[18th August, 1956.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Children Law.

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
"child" means a person under the age of eighteen
years;

"Court" means a member of a District Court of
competent jurisdiction;

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"Director"—

(a) where the child concerned professes the
Christian faith, means the Greek Chief
Welfare Officer and includes his duly
authorized agent; and

(b) where the child concerned professes the Moslem
faith, means the Turkish Chief Welfare
Officer and includes his duly authorized
agent;

"guardian" means a person appointed by a will or
by order of a Court of competent jurisdiction to be
guardian of a child;

"hospital" means any institution for the reception
and treatment of persons suffering from illness or
mental defectiveness, any maternity home, and any
institution for the reception and treatment of persons
during convalescence or persons requiring medical
rehabilitation, and includes clinics, dispensaries and
out-patient departments maintained in connection
with any such institution or home as aforesaid, and
"hospital accommodation" shall be construed
accordingly;

"parent"—

in relation to a child adopted in pursuance of

any enactment, means the person or persons by whom he was adopted, to the exclusion of his natural parents;

in relation to a child who is illegitimate, means his mother, to the exclusion of his father;

“place of safety” means any remand home, work-house, or police station, or any hospital, surgery, or any other place approved by the Director, the occupier of which is willing temporarily to receive a child;

“public place” has the meaning assigned to it by section 4 of the Criminal Code or by any Law amending or substituted for the same; Cap. 154.

“relative” means a grand-parent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, and in case of an illegitimate child, a person who would be so related if the child were legitimate.

PART II.

CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE.

3. (1) Where it appears to the Director with respect to a child appearing to him to be under the age of sixteen—

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(a) that he has neither parent nor guardian or has been and remains abandoned by his parents or guardian or is lost; or

(b) that his parents or guardians are, for the time being or permanently, prevented by reason of mental or bodily disease, or infirmity or other incapacity or any other circumstances from providing for his proper accommodation, maintenance or upbringing and there is no available person or persons capable, fit or willing to undertake the care of such child; and

(c) in either case, that the intervention of the Social Welfare Department under this section is necessary in the interests of the welfare of such child, 3 of 22/59.

it shall be lawful for the Director to receive the child into his care under this section.

(2) Where the Director has received a child into his care under this section it shall, subject to the provisions of this Part, be his duty to keep the child in his care so long as the welfare of the child appears to him to require it and the child has not attained the age of eighteen.

(3) Nothing in this section shall authorize the Director to keep a child in his care under this section if any parent or