

and fourteen and nine-tenths feet; thence north thirty-one degrees and twenty-one minutes west three hundred and twenty-nine and three-tenths feet; thence east thirty-eight and seven-tenths feet; thence south thirty degrees twenty-one minutes east three hundred and twelve and two-tenths feet; thence south two degrees fifty-nine minutes east two thousand two hundred and twenty-four and nine-tenths feet; thence west thirty-four and one-tenth feet to point of beginning, containing one and ninety-two one-hundredths acres, more or less, upon condition that the town shall make payment for the lands at its appraised price therefor by the Secretary of the Interior, but at no less than \$1.25 per acre, within six months from the approval of this Act: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, gas, coal, or other mineral deposits in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under the applicable mineral land laws: *Provided further*, That the grant herein is made subject to any and all valid existing rights or claims, and that the lands hereby granted shall be used by the town of Kemmerer, Wyoming, only for water reservoir and water-pipe-line purposes, and if said lands or any part thereof shall be abandoned for such use, said lands or such parts shall revert to the United States; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to declare a forfeiture of the grant if at any time he shall determine that the town has for more than one year abandoned the lands for the use herein indicated, and such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive, and thereupon and thereby the lands shall be restored to the public domain and free from the operation of this Act.

Approved, January 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 649]

AN ACT

To give additional powers to the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia established by the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to establish a Board of Public Welfare in and for the District of Columbia, to determine its functions, and for other purposes", approved March 16, 1926, shall, in addition to the other duties and responsibilities imposed upon it by law, have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) To investigate the circumstances affecting children handicapped by dependency, neglect, or mental defect, or who may be in danger of becoming delinquent, and to provide such services for the protection and care of such children as will assist in conserving satisfactory home life;

(2) To safeguard the welfare of children born out of wedlock, by providing services for their mothers and in caring for and in obtaining support for such children;

(3) To assume responsibility for the care and support of dependent or neglected children under the age of eighteen years needing public care away from their own homes, when such need has been determined by careful investigation and is requested by the parent or parents or any person or agency responsible for the care of such children;

(4) To make suitable provision for the reception and care of children in need of detention pending court action, or who are temporarily detained under court order, or who are temporarily homeless;

Payment.

Proviso.
Mineral rights reserved.

Further conditions.

January 12, 1942
[H. R. 4365]
[Public Law 397]

Board of Public
Welfare, D. C.
Additional duties,
etc.

44 Stat. 208.
D. C. Code §§ 3-101
to 3-123.

Child welfare.

Children born out
of wedlock.

Dependent or neg-
lected children.

Reception and care.

(5) Upon proper showing, in its discretion, to discharge from custody or guardianship any child committed to its care.

Discharge from custody.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall entice or attempt to entice, away from any home or institution, any child legally committed to the Board of Public Welfare and placed by said Board in such home or institution, or any person who shall assist or attempt to assist any such child to leave without permission such home or institution, knowing such child to be an inmate of such institution or to have been placed in such home, or any person who shall harbor, conceal, or aid in harboring or concealing any such child who shall be absent without leave from a home or institution in which he has been placed by the Board of Public Welfare, shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall pay a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100; and any policeman shall have power, and it is hereby made his duty, to take into custody any child, when in his power to do so, who shall be absent without leave from a home or institution in which he has been placed and return him thereto or to the Receiving Home.

Enticing or harboring children committed to Board.

Penalty.

Children absent without leave.

SEC. 3. Section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the care of dependent children in the District of Columbia and to create a Board of Children's Guardians", approved July 26, 1892, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 Stat. 269.
D. C. Code § 3-117.

"SEC. 5. The Board shall have full power (1) to accept for care, custody, and guardianship dependent or neglected children whose custody or parental control has been transferred to the Board, and to provide for the care and support of such children during their minority or during the term of their commitment; (2) the Board shall also have full power with respect to all children accepted by it for care to place them in private families either without expense or at a fixed rate of board, to place them in institutions willing to receive them either without expense or at a fixed rate of board; (3) to consent to the adoption of all children committed to its care whose parents have been permanently deprived of custody by court order."

Authority of Board.

Placing children in private families, etc.

Consent to adoption.

SEC. 4. Section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the care of dependent children in the District of Columbia and to create a Board of Children's Guardians", approved July 26, 1892, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 Stat. 269.
D. C. Code § 3-118.

"SEC. 6. The antecedents, character, and condition of life of each child received by the Board shall be investigated as fully as possible, and the facts learned entered in permanent records, in which shall also be noted the subsequent history of each child, so far as it can be ascertained. Such records shall be confidential but may be made available in the discretion of the Board. Provision shall be made for study of the physical and mental conditions of children received for care in order that care for each child may be planned to meet his particular physical and mental needs."

Investigations and studies.

Approved, January 12, 1942.