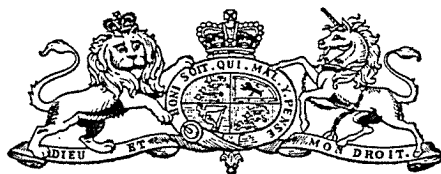


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No. 22 of 1979

**An Act to amend the Adoption of Children Act 1964–1978
in certain particulars**

[ASSENTED TO 17TH MAY, 1979]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. Short title and citation. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Adoption of Children Act Amendment Act 1979*.

(2) In this Act the *Adoption of Children Act 1964–1978* is referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) The Principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the *Adoption of Children Act 1964–1979*.

2. Commencement. This Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

3. Amendment of s. 19. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by, in subsection (6), omitting the word "twenty-one" and substituting the word "eighteen".

4. New s. 25A. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:—

" 25A. Consent not required in certain circumstances. (1)
Subject to section 26, where—

- (a) the Director proposes to make an adoption order and is satisfied that the child in respect of whom the order is to be made—
 - (i) has not attained the age of eighteen years; and
 - (ii) entered Australia as an immigrant child;
- (b) the child has been in the care of the persons in whose favour the adoption order is proposed to be made for at least twelve months; and
- (c) the Director considers that the making of the adoption order in favour of those persons would be in the best interests of the child,

no consent to the adoption is required.

(2) In paragraph (a) of subsection (1), the expression "immigrant child", subject to subparagraph (i) of the said paragraph (a), has the meaning it has in and for the purposes of the *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946* of the Commonwealth as amended from time to time."

5. New s. 59B. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 59A the following section:—

" 59B. Disclosure of information authorized in certain cases.
Notwithstanding the provisions of section 59 or any other provision of this Act, the Director or any officer of the Department of Children's Services authorized by the Director in that behalf either generally or in any particular case may give, supply or transmit to the government of a country outside the Commonwealth and the Territories of the Commonwealth or to a person or authority acting on the authority of such government

with which or with whom the Director has entered into working arrangements for the purpose of facilitating the adoption in Queensland of children from the country in question any information, report or document that is to be given, supplied or transmitted by the Director to that government, person or authority pursuant to the terms of the working arrangements.”.