

## CHAPTER 177.

[ H. B. 638. ]

## REGISTRY FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

AN ACT establishing a registry for handicapped children; prescribing powers, duties, and procedures in relation thereto; and adding new sections to chapter 83, Laws of 1907 and to chapter 70.58 RCW.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 83, Laws of 1907 and to chapter 70.58 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

The purpose of this enactment is to provide a registry for handicapped children as an aid to their timely treatment and care. Purpose.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 83, Laws of 1907 and to chapter 70.58 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

The director of the department of health, through the state registrar of vital statistics, shall establish and maintain a registry for handicapped children. Registry for handicapped children.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 83, Laws of 1907 and to chapter 70.58 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Whenever the attending physician discovers that a newborn child has a congenital defect, and whenever a physician discovers upon treating a child under the age of fourteen years that such child has a partial or complete disability or a condition which may lead to partial or complete disability, such fact shall be reported to the local registrar upon a form to be provided by the director of health. No report shall be required if the disabling condition has been previously reported or the condition is not one required to be reported by the director of health. Congenital defects shall be reported at the same time as birth certificates are required to be filed. Each physi- Congenital defects to be reported.

cian shall make a report as to disabling conditions within thirty days after discovery thereof.

Forms.

The forms to be provided by the director of health for this purpose shall require such information as the director deems necessary to carry out the purpose of this amendatory act.

New section.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 83, Laws of 1907 and to chapter 70.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Reports secret.

Except compilations of statistical data furnished by the department, the information furnished in the reports required by section 3 of this act shall be secret and shall not be revealed except upon order of the superior court.

New section.

SEC. 5. There is added to chapter 83, Laws of 1907 and to chapter 70.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Cooperation authorized.

The director of health and any local health officer is authorized to cooperate with and to promote the aid of any medical, health, nursing, welfare, or other private groups or organizations, and with any state agency or political subdivision to furnish statistical data in furtherance of the purpose of this amendatory act. The director or any local health officer may accept contributions or gifts in cash or otherwise from any person, group, or governmental agency to further the purpose of this amendatory act.

Gifts accepted.

New section.

SEC. 6. There is added to chapter 83, Laws of 1907 and to chapter 70.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Rules and regulations.

The state board of health is authorized to make such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the purpose of this amendatory act.

Passed the House March 3, 1959.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1959.