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CHAPTER 264.

AN ACT to repeal 322.09 (2); to amend 322.02 (3); and to create 322.055 of the statutes, relating to adoption and proceedings therefor.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 322.02 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

322.02 (3) No petition for the adoption of a minor shall be granted until he has lived 6 months in the home of the petitioner; * * * *the 6 months requirement may be waived by order of the court upon a petition reciting the reasons therefor, when the court is satisfied that immediate action is necessary and that the minor and the home of the petitioner are suited to each other.*

SECTION 2. 322.055 of the statutes is created to read:

322.055 WITHDRAWAL OR DENIAL OF PETITION. (1) If the petition is withdrawn or denied, and if parental rights have been terminated and a child welfare agency or a county home for dependent children or the state department of public welfare is the guardian of the minor, the court shall return the child to the custody of such department or agency.

(2) If there is no such child welfare agency or county home for dependent children or state department of public welfare as guardian of the minor the court shall certify the case for appropriate action and disposition to the juvenile court.

SECTION 3. 322.09 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect upon passage and publication; section 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1952.

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