

(3) A person who has received the care of the child from a child placement agency licensed hereunder by the State Department of Human Resources or from a local department of social services.

(4) A person who is a close friend of the child's parents or legal guardian and is providing such care on an occasional basis.

(c) The necessary qualifications and the minimum standards established as prerequisites for the issuance of licenses shall be set forth in rules and regulations promulgated by the State Department of Human Resources and shall be such as to protect the health, safety, welfare and morals of the children placed in family day care. The procedures for the issuance of licenses shall be set forth in rules and regulations of the State Department. The rules and regulations shall provide for the issuance of licenses by local departments of social services in the name of the State Department. An appeal shall be allowed to the State Department in the event of a local department's refusal to issue a license. The issuance, duration, revocation and suspension of all licenses shall be subject to the provisions of §§ 22, 23, 24 and 25 of this article.

(d) A person, firm, corporation or agency aggrieved by the refusal of the State Department of Human Resources to issue a license under this section or by the State Department's revocation or suspension of such a license, may appeal therefrom to the circuit court of the county in which the person, firm, corporation or agency has his or its residence or principal office, as the case may be, or to the Baltimore City Court, if the office or residence is in Baltimore City. There is a further right of appeal to the Court of Special Appeals at the instance of either party.

(e) The State Department of Human Resources may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this section, to implement the provisions hereof.

(f) The Director of the State Department of Human Resources may seek to enjoin the activities of any unlicensed person, firm, corporation or agency seeking to carry out the functions regulated hereunder in the manner prescribed by § 28 of this article.

(g) Any person, firm, corporation or agency violating the provisions of this section or of any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated by the State Department under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject, in the discretion of the court, to a fine not to exceed \$500 or to imprisonment not to exceed one year.