

ARTICLE 88A.

STATE AID AND CHARITIES.

5A. Institutions having custody of minors; license; investigation.

Mothers' Relief.

21. Persons entitled to aid; application; age of children.

22. Investigation; payments; tax levy.

23-25. Duty of County Commissioners and Supervisors of City Charities.

26. False representation; penalty; not to affect jurisdiction of Courts.

27. Not to affect jurisdiction of Courts in regard to infants.

28-31. Repealed.

Prohibited Acts.

32. Sale of vegetable produce by penal or reformatory institutions prohibited.

1927, ch. 632.

5A. On and after June 1st, 1927, all institutions, agencies and societies whether incorporated or not, except those receiving financial assistance from the State or having contracts with the State, or licensed by any incorporated municipality or district authorized to issue such licenses, as well as all individuals, having the care, custody or control of two or more minors, other than children related by blood or marriage to, or adopted by such individuals, or for whom such individuals are duly appointed guardians, shall obtain an annual license therefor from the State, to be issued by the Board of State Aid and Charities, upon due proof of compliance with rules and regulations designed to secure the proper care of such minors, which rules and regulations the said Board is hereby authorized to establish.

The said Board shall have the same power to investigate and visit any such institutions, agencies, societies or individuals as is now provided by law in the case of corporations, associations, institutions or agencies receiving financial assistance from the State or having contracts with the State, and shall have power to revoke the licenses of any such institutions, agencies, societies or individuals. All such action of the Board is subject to the same right of appeal by any party who shall feel aggrieved at any action of the Board hereunder, as in the case of state-aided institutions. The provisions of Section 378 of Article 27 shall not be construed as limiting the powers herein granted to the said Board.

Any person or persons and any officer or representative of an institution, agency or society which assumes or exercises the care, custody or control of minor children in violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100 or imprisonment not to exceed three months.

See art. 27, secs. 378, *et seq.*, and 580, *et seq.*

As to the Veterans' Relief Fund, see art. 65, secs. 57 and 58.

As to old age pensions, see art. 70A.