

16B. (Licenses.) The following institutions, agencies, societies and individuals shall obtain a license from the State for the activities herein mentioned: (a) all institutions, agencies, and societies, whether incorporated or not, having the legal or physical care, custody or control of one or more minors; (b) all institutions, agencies and societies, whether incorporated or not, and all individuals or sets of individuals, who act as child placement agencies, whether for adoption or otherwise; and (c) all individuals who are regularly engaged in the business of providing foster homes for minors.

In each instance the license shall be issued by the State Department of Public Welfare upon due proof of compliance with rules and regulations designed to secure the proper care of such minors, which rules and regulations the said State Board of Public Welfare is hereby authorized to establish.

16C. (Investigations.) The State Department, acting through any employee, officer, or agent it may designate, shall have power to investigate the premises, facilities, policies, and purposes of any such institution, agency, society, individual, or set of individuals. Such investigation may be conducted prior to the issue of any license under this sub-title, or in relation to the possible revocation or suspension of any such license.

16D. (Action.) It shall be the duty of the State Department to take final action upon any application for a license under this sub-title, either by way of issuance or refusal of such license, and to notify the applicant of its decision, within sixty days after the applicant has filed with the Department all information required by the Department's regulations to be filed with the application.

16E. (Period of License.) All licenses issued under the provisions of this sub-title shall be good and valid until and unless revoked or suspended as provided elsewhere in this sub-title.

16F. (Revocations and Suspensions.) The State Department may at any time revoke permanently, or suspend for any period not exceeding one year, any license issued by it under this sub-title. A license may be revoked or suspended only for an alleged violation of the provisions of this sub-title, or of standards and regulations lawfully adopted. No license may be either suspended or revoked without giving the licensee due notice at least twenty days in advance of the contemplated action, together with a statement of the grounds for such revocation or suspension, and with an opportunity for the licensee to be heard on such question of revocation or suspension.