

home for minors, and who receive into their home one or more minors, other than children related by blood or marriage to such person or persons, shall register with the State Department their intention to receive such minor or minors and shall at the same time state whether or not the purpose of such receiving is to adopt the minor or minors, before accepting the care, custody or control of such minor or minors. Provided, that this requirement of registration shall not apply if the placement of the minor or minors is being arranged and is supervised by any licensee under this sub-title.

Whenever the receiving of a minor is so registered with the State Department, the Department may, if in its judgment it seems necessary, make an investigation of the registered home and all the circumstances bearing on the placement and the proposed adoption, when that is contemplated, to the end that socially undesirable placements may be avoided or promptly terminated and socially undesirable adoptions avoided.

If after such an investigation the Department is satisfied that the receiving of such minor or minors by the person or persons listed as registrants is socially undesirable, it shall so notify the registrant or registrants. If the registrant or registrants nevertheless receive, accept or continue such care, custody and control, the Department may issue a written order, served upon the registrants, or any of them, as regular process, requiring the surrender by him or them of the care, custody and control of the minor or minors. If the registrant or registrants fail to comply with said order, or appeal from the decision of the Department to a court of competent jurisdiction, within ten days from the date of such service, the Department shall seek to obtain the requisite Court order to enforce its decision and order. While the matter is pending before a Court, the care, custody and control of the minor or minors shall be in the discretion of the Court.

16I. (Religious Affiliation.) Any licensee under this sub-title who gives the care, custody or control of any minor to any person or persons, institution, agency or society, or who places any minor for adoption, shall whenever possible give preference in the placing of said minors with persons of the same religious belief as that of the minor or his parents, unless the parents specifically indicate a different choice.

16J. (Injunctions.) The Director of the State Department of Public Welfare may by petition seek to enjoin the activities and operations of any institution, agency, society, individual, or set of individuals seeking to carry on the functions licensed by this sub-title, without having secured the required license. Such petition for an injunction shall be brought before the Cir-