

cuit Court, sitting in equity, in any county in which the alleged violator is located or has an established place of business, or before one of the Circuit Courts of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, if the alleged violator is located or has an established place of business in Baltimore City.

16K. (Reciprocity.) The State Department is authorized to recognize and deal with any institution, agency, society, individuals or set of individuals licensed or recognized by another state for the care or placement of minors, if that state extends the same recognition and reciprocal relations to licensees under this sub-title.

16L. (Prosecutions.) It shall be the duty of the State's Attorney in each county and in Baltimore City to prosecute all violations of this sub-title.

16M. (Penalty.) Any institution, agency, society, individuals, husband and wife acting jointly, or set of individuals who assume or exercise the care, custody, or control of minors or who place such minors for adoption, or otherwise, in violation of the provisions of this sub-title, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for not to exceed three months, in the discretion of the court.

16N. (Interpretation.) The provisions of Section 458 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code (1939 Edition) shall not be construed as limiting the powers granted by this sub-title to the State Department of Public Welfare.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 10 and 11 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "State Department of Public Welfare", sub-title "Board of Welfare", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

10. The State Department of Public Welfare shall have the authority to license any person or institution maintaining a home in which two or more persons beyond the age of 65 years shall be cared for and for which a charge is made for such care or maintenance, upon due proof of compliance with rules and regulations designed to secure the proper care of such aged persons, which rules and regulations the said State Board of Public Welfare is hereby authorized to establish. The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons caring for relatives.

Any institutions, agencies and societies, whether incorporated or not, as well as all individuals who may be aggrieved by the decision of any agency or local board delegated to issue