

makes funds available to the State for the medical care of the indigent sick, dependent, neglected and delinquent children, the aged, and/or others.

10. All institutions, agencies and societies, whether incorporated or not, as well as all individuals, having the care, custody or control of one 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 a license therefor from the State, to 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.

The said State Department 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. The provisions of Section 458 of Article 27 shall not be construed as limiting the powers herein granted to the said State Department of Public Welfare. 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 licenses by the State Department shall have the right of appeal to the State Department of Public Welfare.

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 or the aged 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.

12. The State Department of Public Welfare shall be empowered to create or continue in each county a County Welfare Board to be known as such with the name of the county pre-