

Department of Public Welfare", sub-title "Child Care", and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 16B, as said section was amended by Chapter 14 of the Acts of 1949, and Sections 16C, 16G, 16K and 16M of said Article and subtitle, relating to the placement of children and the licensing of child placement agencies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 16B of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "State Department of Public Welfare", sub-title "Child Care", as said section was amended by Chapter 14 of the Acts of 1949, and Sections 16C, 16G, 16K and 16M of said Article and subtitle, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

16B. (Licenses.) The following institutions, agencies, and societies [and individuals] *whether incorporated or not* shall obtain a license from the State for the activities herein mentioned: (a) [all institutions, agencies, and societies, whether incorporated or not,] *those* having the legal or physical care, custody or control of one or more minors *unrelated by blood or marriage*; and (b) [all institutions, agencies and societies, whether incorporated or not, and all individuals or sets of individuals, who] *those which* 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, provided that this requirement of licensing shall not apply if the placement of the minor or minors in the foster home is being arranged and is supervised by any licensee under this sub-title, or by one of the local departments of public welfare.]. *The placement of a child by anyone other than a licensed child placement agency, local department of welfare or the child's natural parent or parents, grandparents or the child's natural parents' adult brothers or sisters is prohibited.*

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.

In the event that any other department of the State is also empowered by law to issue a license for any of the activities mentioned herein, the State Department of Public Welfare is authorized to make cooperative arrangements with such other state department to the end that either one, but not both, will exercise the power to license, thus avoiding duplication of licensing.