

the State Department of Public Welfare, except that no license shall be required.

(1) Where the care, custody or control is given by a licensed placement agency or local welfare department.

(2) Where the care, custody or control is given by the minor's natural parent or parents OR GRANDPARENTS immediately and directly for adoption to a person or persons and adoption proceedings have been instituted by such person or persons.

(3) Where the care, custody or control was given by the court.

(d) 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.

(e) 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. ; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT NO PLACEMENT AGENCY SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE ADOPTING PARENT OR PARENTS THE EMPLOYMENT OF ANY PARTICULAR ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEYS.

(F) EXCEPT THAT IN HARFORD AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES THE PLACEMENT OF A CHILD BY ANY ONE 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.

1. IN ADDITION, ANY AGENCY OR SOCIETY WHICH ACTS AS A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY SHALL OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

2. A LAWYER, DOCTOR, OR DULY ORDAINED CLERGYMAN WHO AIDS OR ADVISES A CHILD'S NATURAL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, OR NATURAL PARENTS, ADULT BROTHERS OR SISTERS IN THE PLACEMENT OF A CHILD FOR ADOPTION, WITH A PERSON OR PERSONS NOT RELATED TO THE CHILD BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A LICENSE, PROVIDED THAT PRIOR TO THE PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD A PETITION FOR ADOPTION HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE PARTIES RESIDE SETTING FORTH, IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS, THE FOLLOWING:

I. THE REASON WHY SUCH PERSON AIDED, ABETTED OR ARRANGED THE ADOPTION AND THE ACTS PERFORMED BY SUCH PERSON IN CONNECTION THEREWITH;

II. THE EXTENT OF SUCH PERSON'S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT