

THE BACKGROUND OF THE CHILD AND THE ADOPTING PARENTS; AND

III. THAT NO SUMS WERE PAID SUCH PERSON FOR AIDING, ABETTING OR ARRANGING THE ADOPTION.

IV. PROVIDED THAT SUCH INFORMATION IN SAID PETITION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY SECTION 93 OF THE ARTICLE.

30. (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, unrelated by blood or marriage, 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 Five Hundred Dollars or to imprisonment for not to exceed one year, in the discretion of the court.*] *Any entity or person who violates any of the terms and provisions of the above sub-title shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars or to imprisonment not to exceed one year, in the discretion of the Court.*

20A. (A) THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 20 HEREINABOVE SHALL APPLY IN THE COUNTIES OF MARYLAND, BUT SHALL APPLY IN BALTIMORE CITY ONLY TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES, WHETHER INCORPORATED OR NOT, AND THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SHALL OBTAIN LICENSES FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE, AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH:

(B) (LICENSING OF PLACEMENT AGENCIES.) 1. ANY INSTITUTION, AGENCY OR SOCIETY, WHICH ACTS AS A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY, SHALL OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE.

2. ANY PERSON MAY NOT ACT AS A PLACEMENT AGENCY OR PLACE A CHILD, EXCEPT THAT

(I) THE PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH A PERSON OR PERSONS RELATED TO THE CHILD BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE SHALL BE PERMITTED AND SHALL REQUIRE NO LICENSE; AND

(II) THE PLACEMENT OF A CHILD BY THE CHILD'S NATURAL PARENT OR PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS WITH A PERSON NOT RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE SHALL BE PERMITTED AND SHALL REQUIRE NO LICENSE; PROVIDED, THE PLACEMENT BE MADE DIRECTLY BY SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS WITHOUT THE INTERVENTION OF ANY PERSON OR PERSONS AIDING OR ABETTING THE PLACEMENT; AND PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT NO SUCH PLACEMENT, WHEN MADE IN CONTEMPLATION OF ADOPTION, SHALL BE MADE PRIOR TO THE FILING OF A PETITION FOR ADOPTION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION AND OBTAINING THE COURT'S CONSENT TO SUCH