

included by the *State Department* [of Public Welfare] in its request for appropriations from State and federal funds; and the several sections of the Code specified in subsection (b) are modified from time to time to cover this possibility.

20.

The following institutions, agencies, and societies whether incorporated or not shall obtain a license from the State for the activities herein mentioned: (a) Those having the legal or physical care, custody or control of one or more minors; and (b) those which act as child placement agencies, whether for adoption or otherwise. The placement of a child by anyone other than a licensed child placement agency, local department of [welfare] *social services* 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] *Social Services* 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] *Social Services* 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] *Social Services* 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.

21.

(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] *Social Services*, as hereinafter set forth:

(b) (1) Any institution, agency or society, which acts as a child placement agency, shall obtain a license from the State Department of [Public Welfare] *Social Services*.

(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