

**Article - Family Law**

5-508.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall be licensed by the Administration as a child care home before the person may exercise care, custody, or control of a minor child.

(b) This section does not apply:

- (1) to a parent of the child;
- (2) to an individual related to the child by blood or marriage within [4] FIVE degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law rule;
- (3) to a guardian of the child;
- (4) to a person who exercises temporary care, custody, or control over the child at the request of a parent or guardian of the child and who is not required otherwise to be licensed;
- (5) to an individual with whom the child is placed in foster care by:
  - (i) a child placement agency that is licensed under § 5-507 of this subtitle;
  - (ii) a local department;
  - (iii) the Department of Juvenile Justice;
  - (iv) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; or
  - (v) a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (6) to a person who has the care, custody, or control of the child through placement for adoption by a parent or grandparent of the child, if the requirements of § 5-507(c) of this subtitle are met;
- (7) to an institution that has a child care institution license under this subtitle or under Article 83C, § 2-124; or
- (8) to an institution that is operated by an agency of this State or any political subdivision of this State.

5-534.

(a) In this section, "kinship parent" means an individual who is related by blood or marriage within [four] FIVE degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law rule to a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department and with whom the child is placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

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