

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, 2006

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NON-PROFIT ADOPTION ORGANIZATIONS

AUTHOR: _____

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Section 9 of Chapter 28A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth are hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Placement Agency" and inserting in place thereof the following definition: -

SECTION __:

"Placement agency", a department, agency or institution of the Commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof, or any organization incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth, one of whose principle purposes is providing custodial care and social services to children, which receives by agreement with a parent or guardian, by contract with a state agency or as a result of referral by a court of competent jurisdiction, any child under eighteen years of age, for placement in family foster care or a group care facility. For the purposes of adoption placement, a department, agency or institution of the Commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof, or any organization incorporated under chapter one hundred and eighty, one of whose principle purposes is providing custodial care and social services to children, which receives by agreement with a parent or guardian, by contract with a state agency or as a result of referral by a court of competent jurisdiction, any child under the age of eighteen years of age, for placement in adoption.

SECTION __:

Section 10 of said Chapter 28A is hereby amended by striking out lines ___ through ___, and inserting in place thereof the following sentences: "The office shall issue and may renew a license to any foster care or group home facility organization incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth which meets applicable standards and requirements to establish and maintain a placement agency for the sole purposes of foster care or group home facility placement. The office shall issue and may renew a license to any adoption organization incorporated under chapter one hundred and eighty which meets the applicable standards and requirements to establish and maintain a placement agency for the purpose of adoption placement."