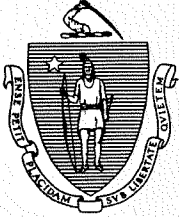


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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN CHILDREN

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 28A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
2 the definition of "Placement agency", as amended by section 2 of chapter 293 of the acts of
3 2006, and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

4 "Placement agency", a department, agency or institution of the commonwealth, or any
5 political subdivision thereof, or any organization incorporated under the laws of the
6 commonwealth, 1 of whose principal purposes is providing custodial care and social services to
7 children, which receives by agreement with a parent or guardian, by contract with a state agency
8 or as a result of referral by a court of competent jurisdiction, any child under 18 years of age, for
9 placement in family foster care or a group care facility; but, for the purposes of adoption
10 placement, a "placement agency" shall be a department, agency or institution of the
11 commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof, or any organization incorporated under

12 chapter 180, 1 of whose principal purposes is providing custodial care and social services to
13 children, which receives by agreement with a parent or guardian, by contract with a state agency
14 or as a result of referral by a court of competent jurisdiction, any child under the age of 18 years
15 of age, for placement in adoption.

16 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 10 of said chapter 28A, as amended by section 3 of
17 said chapter 293, is hereby further amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in
18 place thereof the following 2 sentences:- The office shall issue and may renew a license to a
19 foster care or group home facility organization incorporated under the laws of the
20 commonwealth which meets applicable standards and requirements to establish and maintain a
21 placement agency for the sole purposes of foster care or group home facility placement. The
22 office shall issue and may renew a license to an adoption organization incorporated under
23 chapter 180 which meets the applicable standards and requirements to establish and maintain a
24 placement agency for the purpose of adoption placement.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts in the General Court assembled.

The undersigned, citizen of _____, respectfully petitions for the
passage of the accompanying bill and for legislation.

FURTHER REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN CHILDREN

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