

licenses by the State Department shall have the right of appeal to the State Department of Public Welfare.

Any person or persons and any officer or representative of an institution, agency or society which assumes or exercises the care, custody or control of the aged in violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100) or imprisonment not to exceed three months.

11. The State Department may, with the approval of the Board, designate existing agencies or organizations within the State as its agents as may in its discretion be desirable or necessary for the purpose of this Article.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 622 to 626, inclusive, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Separating Young Child from Mother", be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to invalidate any legal proceedings pending on June 1, 1947, involving a minor under the care, custody or control of any institution, agency or society, if such institution, agency or society immediately prior to June 1, 1947, was operating legally under the provisions of Section 10 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code (1943 Supplement).

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. If any provision of this Act, or the applicability thereof to any person or set of circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the applicability thereof to other persons and sets of circumstances shall not thereby be affected.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 601.

(Senate Bill 10)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 74 and 74B of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Licenses", sub-title "Tax on Ad-