

§8204. Individuals placing children for adoption

1. License required. An individual who operates a child placing agency is subject to the licensing requirements of the department, as specified under this chapter and under chapter 1663. An individual who advertises or claims to perform the service of placing or finding homes for children for the purpose of adoption is deemed to operate a child placing agency.

[PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §79 (AMD).]

2. License not required. An individual who does not advertise or claim to perform the service of placing or finding homes for children for the purpose of adoption, but who places or assists in placing a child for adoption, is not considered to operate a child placing agency and is not subject to the licensing requirements of the department, as specified under this chapter and under chapter 1663.

[PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §80 (AMD).]

3. Fees; violation and penalty. No individual who places or assists in placing a child for adoption shall charge a fee which represents more than the reasonable costs of the services provided.

Violation of this subsection shall be a Class D crime.

[PL 1977, c. 515, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1977, c. 515, §3 (NEW). PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §§79, 80 (AMD).

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