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§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 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 Services;
 - (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 § 5–3B–12 of this title are met;
- (7) to an institution that has a child care institution license under this subtitle or under § 9–236 of the Human Services Article; or
- (8) to an institution that is operated by an agency of this State or any political subdivision of this State.

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