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The Governor in Cabinet, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 69(1) and (2) of the Children Law, 2003, hereby makes the following Regulations-

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Disqualification from Providing Citation Private Foster Care Regulations, 2012.
- 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "Law" means the Children Law, 2003.
- 3. For the purpose of section 69 of the Law, a person is disqualified from fostering a child privately if any of the following provisions of this regulation apply to him-

Disqualification from fostering a child privately

- (a) he is a parent of a child who at any time has been made the subject of an order under section 33(1)(a) of the Law;
- (b) the following orders have been made at any time with respect to a child so as to remove the child from his care or prevent the child living with him-
 - (i) an order under section 33(1)(b) of the Law; or
 - (ii) any interim order under section 40;
- (c) an order has been made at any time, for the purposes of removing a child who was being kept, or was about to be received, by him, under the Adoption of Children Law (2003 Revision);

 (d) he has been convicted of an offence within the period of five years immediately preceding a proposal to privately foster a child;

- (e) he is excluded from the application of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Law (1998 Revision);
- (f) he is a person who carried on, or was otherwise concerned with the management of, or had any financial interest in, a voluntary home which was removed from the register under paragraph 1(4) of the Schedule 5 to the Law;

(2003 Revision)

(1998 Revision)

- (g) he is a person who carried on or was otherwise concerned with the management of or had any financial interest in a registered children's home and that home was removed from the register under paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 to the Law;
- (h) he is a person in respect of whom a prohibition has been imposed under section 70 of the Law; or
- (i) is a person who has been convicted of an offence-
 - (i) against morality under Part V of the Penal Code (2010 Revision);
 - (ii) under section 152 or 153 of the Penal Code (2010 Revision) relating to neglecting children and child stealing respectively; or
 - (iii) against a child under Part VII of the Penal Code (2010 Revision) or any other law.

Disqualification in relation to voluntary homes and registered children's homes

(2007 Revision)

- 4. (1) A person who is disqualified under section 69 of the Law from fostering a child privately shall not carry on, or be otherwise concerned in the management of, or have any financial interest in a voluntary home or registered children's home unless he has-
 - (a) disclosed to the Department the fact that he is so disqualified; and
 - (b) obtained its written consent.
- (2) No person shall employ a person who is so disqualified in a voluntary home or registered children's home unless he has-
 - (a) disclosed to the Department the fact that that person is so disqualified; and
 - (b) obtained its written consent.

Refusal of consent and appeal

- 5. Where the Department, under this regulation, refuses to give its consent to permit a person to privately foster a child, it shall inform the person by a written notice which states-
 - (a) the reason for the refusal;
 - (b) the applicant's right under paragraph 7 of Schedule 8 of the Law to appeal against the refusal; and
 - (c) the time within which he may do so.

Made in Cabinet on the 28 day of August , 2012

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Laid in the Legislative Assembly on the day of accordance with section 95(2) of the Children Law, 2003.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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