

**§ 122C-27. Powers of the Secretary.**

The Secretary shall have the power to do all of the following:

- (1) Administer and enforce the provisions, rules, and decisions pursuant to this Article.
- (2) Appoint hearing officers to conduct appeals under this Article.
- (3) Prescribe by rule the contents of the application for licensure and renewal.
- (4) Inspect facilities and records of each facility to be licensed under this Article under the rules and decisions pursuant to this Article.
- (5) Issue a license upon a finding that the applicant and facility comply with the provisions of this Article and the rules of the Commission and the Secretary.
- (6) Define by rule procedures for submission of periodic reports by facilities licensed under this Article.
- (7) Grant, deny, suspend, or revoke a license under this Article.
- (7a) Issue orders directing facilities not licensed under this Article that are providing services requiring a license under this Article to cease and desist from engaging in any act or practice in violation of the provisions of this Article.
- (8) In accordance with rules of the Commission, make final agency decisions for appeals from the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license in accordance with G.S. 122C-24.
- (9) In accordance with rules of the Commission, grant waiver for good cause of any rules implementing this Article that do not affect the health, safety, or welfare of individuals within a licensable facility. (1983, c. 718, s. 1; 1985, c. 589, s. 2; 2021-77, s. 7.1(c).)