

corporation, or any State, county, or municipal agency or any division, board, or agency thereof.

(2) "Board" means the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(3) "Local Health Officer" means the Deputy State Health Officer or the Commissioner of Health in Baltimore City.

(4) "Group Day Care Center" means ~~a facility or~~ AN agency OR INSTITUTION offering or supplying group care to five or more children who have not the same ~~percentage~~ PARENTAGE, for a portion or all of a day and on a regular schedule more often than once a week.

(5) "Child" or "children" mean an individual or individuals under sixteen years of age.

(6) "INSTITUTION" MEANS AN ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CHARACTER OR ONE AFFECTING A COMMUNITY.

709.

No person shall establish, conduct, maintain, or operate a group day care center in this State without holding a license under this subtitle.

710.

A person desiring a license to establish and operate a group day care center or to continue the operation of an existing group day care center shall file a notarized application with the local health officer, setting forth the name of the applicant, the location of the center, the name of the person to be in charge of the center, and such additional information as the local health officer or the board may require.

711.

The local health officer shall issue a license to any person to establish, maintain, and operate a group day care center if he determines that the person has complied with the provisions of this subtitle and the regulations issued thereunder by the board. A license granted hereunder is not assignable or transferable. All licenses expire automatically one year after issue, unless sooner revoked or suspended, and licenses are renewable for successive periods of one year each upon compliance with the current requirements for original issue.

712.

(a) A license issued under this subtitle may be revoked or suspended by the Commissioner of the State Department of Health, who may delegate this power to the local health officer. The revocation or suspension may be for such period as determined by the Commissioner or the local health officer, and shall be based upon a finding that the licensee has violated some provision of this subtitle or of the regulations adopted and promulgated thereunder, including any act or fact which would have been cause for refusing the original or renewal issue of the license. Prior to the revocation or suspension the licensee shall be given an opportunity for a public hearing before the State Commissioner of Health or the local health officer, as the case may be, with not less than ten days' notice of the hearing and an opportunity to be represented by counsel.