

*(b) Under circumstances which in the judgment of the local health officer seriously threaten the health, welfare, or security of a child or children in a group day care center or the health or welfare of the community, the State Commissioner of Health or the local health officer, as the case may be, may petition in equity in the circuit court of the county in which the center is located, or in an equity court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, for an injunction to forbid the further operation of the center during the period prior to the public hearing. If in the judgment of the Court the continued operation of the center may seriously injure the health, welfare, or security of a child or children in the center or the health or welfare of the community, it may enjoin the further operation of the center until the hearing has been held and a decision is reached on the proposed revocation or suspension of the license.*

713.

*(a) The board shall adopt and promulgate regulations for the licensing and operation of group day care centers, to carry out the intent and requirements of this subtitle, to assure conditions of safety and sanitation in the centers, to make satisfactory provision for the care, protection, and supervision of children in centers, and to promote the sound growth and development of children in centers. From time to time the board may modify, amend, or repeal these regulations, as it deems in the public interest.*

714.

*A licensee under this subtitle who wishes to make any substantial alteration of or addition to its building or plant or to make any changes in its facilities which could materially affect the conditions under which it was licensed shall secure the prior approval of the local health officer therefor.*

715.

*A person aggrieved by a refusal to issue a license under this subtitle, by a revocation or suspension of a license, or by any other action of a local health officer or the Commissioner of the State Department of Health under this subtitle may appeal therefrom to the board and thereafter may seek judicial review, all as provided in the Administrative Procedure Act in Article 41 of this Code.*

716.

*Any person who maintains and operates a group day care center without a license, or who violates any provision of this subtitle or of a regulation adopted and promulgated thereunder is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction thereof he shall be liable to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.) for the first offense and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) for any subsequent offense; and each day that a group day care center operates illegally after a first conviction shall be considered as a separate offense.*

717.

*Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed or applied in any manner to supersede or prevail over (1) the rights and powers of the State*