

Children's Cabinet to adopt certain regulations to provide certain exceptions under certain circumstances; authorizing certain agencies to deny certain licenses to certain corporations under certain circumstances; requiring certain agencies to conduct certain inspections under certain circumstances; prohibiting an individual a person from operating a residential child care program in the State without a license; establishing certain penalties for a violation of a certain provision of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the licensing of corporations that operate residential child care programs.

BY adding to

~~Article—Education~~

~~Section 7-309.1 and 7-309.2~~

New Article 49D – Children, Youth, and Family Services

Section 1-101 and 1-102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(~~2004~~ 2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article—Education**

**ARTICLE 49D – CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**TITLE 1. OPERATORS OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS.**

~~7-309.1. 1-101.~~

(A) (1) IN THIS ~~SECTION~~ TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "CORPORATION" MEANS AN ENTITY WITH ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION THAT IS AN APPLICANT FOR OR HAS BEEN GRANTED A LICENSE TO OPERATE A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM IN THIS STATE.

(3) (I) "LICENSING AGENCY" MEANS THE AGENCY DESIGNATED BY ~~THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN~~ TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSING A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM.

(II) "LICENSING AGENCY" INCLUDES THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES.

(4) "OFFICE" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN.

(5) "PROGRAM" MEANS A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM.

(6) "RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM" HAS THE MEANING STATED ~~IN § 7-309(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE~~ § 20-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.