

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

CHAPTER 320

(House Bill 367)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law - Unregistered Family Day Care Homes and Unlicensed Child Care Centers - Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering the criminal penalties for operating an unregistered family day care home; altering the criminal penalties for operating an unlicensed child care center; and generally relating to penalties for operating an unregistered family day care home and unlicensed child care center.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 5-552, 5-574(a), and 5-582

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 5-557 and 5-583

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 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 - Family Law

5-552.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a family day care home may not operate unless it is registered.

(b) A family day care home is not required to be registered if the day care provider:

(1) is related to each child by blood or marriage;

(2) is a friend of each child's parents or legal guardian and the care is provided on an occasional basis; or