

(3) has received the care of the child from a child placement agency licensed by the Administration or by a local department.

(c) A person may not advertise a family day care home or family day care service unless the family day care home is registered under the provisions of this Part V of this subtitle.

(d) An employee of the Department charged with the investigation and enforcement of child care regulations may serve a civil citation to a person found in violation of this section.

5-557.

A person who violates § 5-552 of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to [a fine not exceeding \$1,000]:

(1) A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,500 FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION;
AND

(2) A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$5,000~~ \$2,500 FOR ~~THE SECOND~~ A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION; ~~AND~~

~~(3) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.~~

5-574.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Part VII of this subtitle, a person shall be licensed by the Department before the person may operate a child care center in this State.

5-582.

Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a person may not operate a child care center in this State unless licensed by the Department.

5-583.

A person who violates § 5-574(a) or § 5-582 of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to [a fine not exceeding \$1,000]:

(1) A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,500 FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION;
AND

(2) A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$5,000~~ \$2,500 FOR ~~THE SECOND~~ A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION; ~~AND~~

~~(3) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.~~

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

Approved May 2, 2006.