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(a) A registration under this Part V of this subtitle may be revoked, a day care provider may appeal from the revocation, and the operation of an unregistered family day care home may be enjoined.

(b) (1) Revocation, appeal, or injunction under this Part V of this subtitle shall be in accordance with §§ 5-513, 5-515, 5-516, 5-517, 5-518, and 5-519 of this subtitle.

(2) Subject to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the [Secretary of the Department or the Secretary's designee] STATE SUPERINTENDENT OR THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE shall exercise the authority granted to the [Administration or the Director of the Administration] DEPARTMENT.

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(a) The [Secretary] STATE SUPERINTENDENT or other authorized official or employee of the Department [of Human Resources] may apply to a judge of the District Court or a circuit court for an administrative search warrant to enter any unregistered family day care home to conduct any inspection required or authorized by law to determine compliance with the provisions of this subtitle relating to family day care homes.

(b) (1) The application for an administrative search warrant shall be in writing and signed and sworn by the [Secretary] STATE SUPERINTENDENT and shall particularly describe the place, structure, premises, or records to be inspected and the nature, scope, and purpose of the inspection to be conducted.

(2) Before the filing of an administrative search warrant application with a court, the application shall be approved by the Attorney General of Maryland as to its legality in both form and substance under the standards and criteria of this section and a statement to this effect shall be included as part of the application.

(c) A judge of a District Court or circuit court in the jurisdiction in which the unregistered family day care home is located may issue an administrative search warrant on finding that:

(1) the Department has reasonably sought and been denied access to an unregistered family day care home for the purpose of making an inspection;

(2) the requirements of subsection (b) of this section are met;

(3) the official or employee of the Department is authorized or required by law to make an inspection of the unregistered family day care home for which the warrant is sought; and

(4) probable cause for the issuance of the warrant has been demonstrated by the Department by specific evidence:

(i) of an existing violation of § 5-552 of this subtitle; and