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(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

(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 [Administration] DEPARTMENT charged with the investigation and enforcement of child care regulations [or the chief licensing agent in a regional office of the Administration] may serve a civil citation to a person found in violation of this section.

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(a) (1) There is an amnesty period, to be determined by the [Child Care Administration of the] Department, for unregistered family day care providers.

(2) The purpose of the amnesty period is to encourage compliance with the registration requirements of this Part V.

(b) The amnesty is intended to encourage compliance with registration requirements by:

(1) having unregistered family day care providers voluntarily enter the registration process; and

(2) allowing unregistered family day care providers participating in the amnesty program to continue providing child care during the registration process.

(c) (1) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part V, from October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1997, there shall be an amnesty period in each of those years for unregistered family day care providers as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph to allow unregistered family day care providers to continue in operation while becoming registered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the amnesty period shall be 12 months for each year from October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1997.

(iii) Subject to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the [Child Care Administration of the] Department may reduce the number of months in the amnesty