

5-505. RESERVED.

PART II. LICENSING OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES.

5-506. RULES AND REGULATIONS; ONLY 1 LICENSE REQUIRED.

(A) INTENT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS THAT:

(1) ALL CHILDREN WHOSE CARE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS STATE SHALL HAVE SIMILAR PROTECTION IN TERMS OF HEALTH, SAFETY, AND QUALITY OF CARE; AND

(2) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF AGENCIES THAT ARE CHARGED WITH CHILD CARE SHALL BE COMPARABLE.

(B) RULES AND REGULATIONS.

IN ADDITION TO OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT §§ 5-507, 5-508, AND 5-509 OF THIS SUBTITLE, WHICH RELATE TO THE LICENSING OF CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCIES, CHILD CARE HOMES, AND CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(C) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.

(1) BY RULE OR REGULATION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO LOCAL DEPARTMENTS AND LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCIES TO ISSUE LICENSES OR APPROVE APPLICANTS FOR LICENSES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) ANY RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR AN APPEAL TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE APPELLATE AUTHORITY FROM A DECISION OF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY.

(D) LICENSE FROM MORE THAN 1 STATE AGENCY NOT REQUIRED.

(1) A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY, CHILD CARE HOME, OR CHILD CARE INSTITUTION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM MORE THAN 1 STATE AGENCY.

(2) ANY STATE AGENCY AUTHORIZED TO LICENSE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCIES, CHILD CARE HOMES, OR CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS MAY MAKE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY TO GIVE EFFECT TO PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), and (d) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Article 88A, § 21.

Subsection (c) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 88A, § 26(a).