

- (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.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 88A, § 32E(d).

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the defined term "Administration" is substituted for the former reference to the Department, in light of § 5-507 of this subtitle.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Administration" § 5-501
"Day care provider" § 5-501
"Family day care" § 5-501
"Family day care home" § 5-501

5-553. GROUP SIZE.

(A) CONSTRUCTION.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART V OF THIS SUBTITLE, A DAY CARE PROVIDER'S OWN CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS SHALL BE COUNTED AS CHILDREN SERVED.

(B) MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE.

AT ANY GIVEN TIME, A DAY CARE PROVIDER MAY NOT CARE FOR:

- (1) MORE THAN 2 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS; OR
- (2) MORE THAN 6 CHILDREN, OF WHOM NO MORE THAN 2 MAY BE UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS.

(C) POWER OF DEPARTMENT TO DECREASE MAXIMUM.

IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE GROUP SIZE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ARE UNSUITABLE FOR A PARTICULAR FAMILY DAY CARE HOME, THE DEPARTMENT MAY DECREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PERMITTED TO BE IN CARE AT THAT FAMILY DAY CARE HOME.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section formerly appeared as Article 88A, § 32E(b)(2).

Subsection (b) of this section formerly appeared as Article 88A, § 32E(b)(1).