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~~Article-88A---Social-Services-Administration
Section-6
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland
(1979-Replacement-Volume-and-1984-Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

14-101.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Child" means an individual under the age of 16 years.

(c) "Group day care center" means an agency, institution, or establishment that, for part or all of a day, on a regular schedule, and at least twice a week, offers or provides group day care to [at least 7] children who do not have the same parentage ~~EXCEPT A-FAMILY-DAY-CARE-HOME-AS-DEFINED-IN-§-5-501-OF-THE-FAMILY-LAW-ARTICLE~~ AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN LAW OR REGULATION.

(d) "License" means a license issued by a health officer to operate a group day care center.

(e) "Person" includes a state, county, or municipal corporation.

14-104.

(a) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations for licensing and operating group day care centers.

(b) These rules and regulations shall:

(1) Ensure safe and sanitary conditions in group day care centers;

(2) Ensure proper care, protection, and supervision of children in group day care centers;

(3) Promote the sound growth and development of children in group day care centers;

(4) Encourage the care of children in a homelike environment by reflecting the impracticability of conforming a residence to standards that are appropriate for institutions and otherwise providing for centers that are in residences or other facilities and serve between 7 and 12 children AND FACILITIES