

REQUEST FOR A HEARING. THE HEARING SHALL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

(II) WITHIN 7 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE HEARING A DECISION CONCERNING THE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION SHALL BE MADE BY THE SECRETARY.

(4) IF THE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION ORDER IS UPHeld BY THE SECRETARY, THE LICENSEE SHALL CEASE OPERATIONS UNTIL IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE CHILD CARE CENTER IS NO LONGER THREATENED.

(5) ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A DECISION OF THE SECRETARY TO UPHOLD AN EMERGENCY SUSPENSION MAY APPEAL THAT DECISION DIRECTLY TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION.

[14-112.] 5-581.

Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Secretary [or a health officer] in a contested case, as defined in the Administrative Procedure Act, may:

(1) Appeal that decision to the Board of Review of the Department; and

(2) Then] take any further appeal allowed by the Administrative Procedure Act.

[14-113.] 5-582.

Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a person may not operate a [group day] CHILD care center in this State unless licensed by [a health officer] THE DEPARTMENT.

[14-114.] 5-583.

(a) A person who violates any provision of this [subtitle] PART VII or any rule or regulation adopted under it is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 for the first offense and not exceeding \$1,000 for any subsequent offense.

(b) Each day that a [group day] CHILD care center operates illegally after a first conviction is a separate offense.

[14-115.] 5-584.

(A) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES THAT RECEIVES A REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE UNDER § 5-703 OR § 5-704 OF THIS TITLE THAT CONCERNS A CHILD CARE CENTER, SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.