

**CHAPTER 505**

**(Senate Bill 638)**

AN ACT concerning

**Family Day Care – Registration Amnesty for Unregistered Providers**

FOR the purpose of providing an amnesty for certain unregistered family day care providers; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt certain guidelines regulations; granting civil immunity to certain persons; providing that the Child Care Administration of the Department of Human Resources make certain recommendations; and generally relating to registration amnesty for certain family day care providers.

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 5-552.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

**Preamble**

WHEREAS, Unregistered family day care providers are difficult to identify and locate; and

WHEREAS, Cessation of child care services during the registration process is an economic disincentive to registration; and

WHEREAS, The registration process frequently is prolonged due to problems with code compliance and administrative procedures; and

WHEREAS, Unregistered family day care providers, therefore, are reluctant to become involved in the registration process; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Maryland and the Child Care Administration of the Department of Human Resources should take positive action, including a public information program; to encourage unregistered family day care providers to comply with State laws governing child care; now, therefore,

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

**Article – Family Law**

5-552.1.

(A) (1) THERE IS AN AMNESTY PERIOD, TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT, FOR UNREGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS.