

**CHAPTER 169**

**(Senate Bill 691)**

AN ACT concerning

**Family Law - Unregistered Family Day Care Provider - Civil Penalties**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Child Care Administration to issue a civil citation imposing civil penalties on an unregistered family day care provider; altering penalties for unregistered family day care providers; providing procedures for an appeal of a civil citation imposed under this Act; and generally relating to unregistered family day care providers and civil penalties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 5-552 and 5-557.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

**Article - Family Law**

5-552.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a family day care home may not operate unless it is registered.

(b) A family day care home is not required to be registered if the day care provider:

(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.

(c) A person may not advertise a family day care home or family day care service unless the family day care home is registered under the provisions of this Part V of this subtitle.

(d) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE ADMINISTRATION CHARGED WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CHILD CARE REGULATIONS OR THE CHIEF LICENSING AGENT IN A REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION MAY SERVE A CIVIL CITATION TO A PERSON FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.