

(1) ALL CHILDREN WHOSE CARE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE SHALL HAVE SIMILAR PROTECTION FOR THEIR HEALTH, THEIR SAFETY, AND THE QUALITY OF THEIR CARE; AND

(2) THE REGULATIONS OF STATE UNITS THAT ARE CHARGED WITH CHILD CARE SHALL BE COMPARABLE.

(B) REGULATIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT §§ 9-235 AND 9-236 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) MULTIPLE LICENSES NOT REQUIRED.

A CHILD CARE HOME OR CHILD CARE INSTITUTION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM MORE THAN ONE STATE UNIT.

(D) COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AMONG LICENSING UNITS.

A STATE UNIT AUTHORIZED TO LICENSE CHILD CARE HOMES OR CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS MAY MAKE A COOPERATIVE LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WITH ANOTHER STATE UNIT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83C, § 2-125.

In subsections (a)(2) and (b) of this section, the former references to "rules" are deleted in light of the references to "regulations". See General Revisor's Note to article.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "State units" is substituted for the former reference to "agencies" for consistency with terminology used throughout this article. Similarly, in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the references to a State "unit" are substituted for the former references to a State "agency". See General Revisor's Note to article.

In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to a cooperative "licensing" arrangement is substituted for the former reference to a cooperative arrangement "to this end" for clarity.

Defined term: "Department" § 9-101

9-235. JUVENILE CARE FACILITIES — CHILD CARE HOMES.

(A) LICENSE REQUIRED.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A CHILD CARE HOME BEFORE THE PERSON MAY EXERCISE CARE, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL OVER A CHILD WHO IS ALLEGED TO BE OR IS ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT OR IN NEED OF SUPERVISION.

(B) EXCEPTIONS.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO: