

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 FOR UNREGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE AMNESTY PERIOD IS TO ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART V.

(B) THE AMNESTY IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE WITH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY:

(1) HAVING UNREGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS VOLUNTARILY ENTER THE REGISTRATION PROCESS; AND

(2) ALLOWING UNREGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE AMNESTY PROGRAM TO CONTINUE PROVIDING CHILD CARE DURING THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.

(C) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS PART V, THERE SHALL BE AN AMNESTY PERIOD FOR UNREGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS FROM JANUARY 1, 1992 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1993, INCLUSIVE, TO ALLOW UNREGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS TO CONTINUE IN OPERATION WHILE BECOMING REGISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMNESTY PROGRAM.

(D) (1) THE AMNESTY SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY THIS PART V, BUT ONLY IF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION ARE MET.

(2) ANY UNREGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE AMNESTY:

(I) MAY NOT BE ENJOINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS LONG AS INFORMATION IS NOT MADE KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF ANY CHILD IN THE CARE OF THE UNREGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER IS ENDANGERED, INCLUDING ANY INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY A STATE OR LOCAL CODE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OR PROTECTIVE SERVICES OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;

(II) IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY PROVIDED FOR IN § 5-557 OF THIS PART V; AND