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E. Z. TAYLOR AND J. H. CLARK, APRIL 3, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND AGING, APRIL 3, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," further providing for the
4 regulation of caregivers caring for children.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 1074 and 1076 of the act of June 13,
8 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, added
9 December 5, 1980 (P.L.1112, No.193), are amended to read:

10 Section 1074. Visitation and Inspection.--The department or
11 authorized agent of the department shall have the right to
12 enter, visit and inspect on a random sample basis, upon
13 complaint, or upon request of the caregiver, any family day care
14 home registered or requiring registration under this article or
15 any other premises in which a caregiver is caring for two to six
16 children who are not relatives of the caregiver and shall have
17 free and full access to the premises, where children are cared

1 for, all records of the premises which relate to the children's
2 care, and to the children cared for therein and full opportunity
3 to speak with or observe such children.

4 Section 1076. Regulations.--The department is hereby
5 authorized and empowered to adopt regulations establishing
6 minimum and reasonable standards for the operation of family day
7 care homes and the issuance of registration certificates. These
8 regulations will establish the minimum standards of safety and
9 care which will be required in family day care homes and will
10 recognize the vital role which parents and guardians play in
11 monitoring the care provided in family day care homes. The
12 department is also authorized and empowered to adopt regulations
13 establishing minimum standards of safety and care for any other
14 premises in which a caregiver is caring for two to six children
15 who are not relatives of the caregiver. The regulations shall
16 include, but not be limited to, the following requirements:

17 (1) There shall be an operable smoke detector in the kitchen
18 and on each building level used by the children.

19 (2) A portable fire extinguisher suitable for Class B fires
20 shall be provided in the kitchen area and other cooking areas.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.