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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, FEBRUARY 7, 2001

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
4 regulations.

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

7 Section 1. The definition of "child day care center" in
8 section 1001 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
9 as the Public Welfare Code, amended December 21, 1988 (P.L.1883,
10 No.185), is amended to read:

11 Section 1001. Definitions.--As used in this article--

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13 "Child day care center" means any premises operated for
14 profit in which child day care is provided simultaneously for
15 seven or more children [who are not relatives of the operator],
16 except such centers operated under social service auspices.

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1 Section 2. Sections 1070 and 1076 of the act, added December
2 5, 1980 (P.L.1112, No.193), are amended to read:

3 Section 1070. Definitions.--As used in this article.--

4 "Child day care" means care in lieu of parental care given
5 for part of the twenty-four hour day to children away from their
6 own homes.

7 "Family day care home" means any home in which child day care
8 is provided at any one time to [four] one through six children
9 [who are not relatives of the caregiver].

10 Section 1076. Regulations.--The department is hereby
11 authorized and empowered to adopt regulations establishing
12 minimum and reasonable standards for the operation of family day
13 care homes and the issuance of registration certificates. These
14 regulations will establish the minimum standards of safety and
15 care which will be required in family day care homes and will
16 recognize the vital role which parents and guardians play in
17 monitoring the care provided in family day care homes. The
18 regulations shall provide that all day care providers be
19 required to be registered and be checked for records of criminal
20 activity or child abuse as part of the preregistration
21 procedure.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.