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AN ACT

- 1 Requiring all child day-care facilities in this Commonwealth to
- 2 have one or more persons competent in first aid techniques
- and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at the facility when
- 4 one or more children are in care.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Short title.
- 8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Child-Care
- 9 First Aid-CPR Act.
- 10 Section 2. Definitions.
- 11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 13 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 14 "Child day-care center." The premises in which care is
- 15 provided at any one time for seven or more children unrelated to
- 16 the operator.

- 1 "Department." The Department of Public Welfare of the
- 2 Commonwealth and its authorized agents.
- 3 "Facility." A child day-care center, family child day-care
- 4 home or group child day-care home.
- 5 "Family child day-care home." A home other than the child's
- 6 own home, operated for profit or not for profit, in which child
- 7 day care is provided at any one time to four, five or six
- 8 children unrelated to the operator.
- 9 "Group child day-care home." The premises in which care is
- 10 provided at one time for more than six but fewer than 16 older
- 11 school-age-level children or more than six but fewer than 13
- 12 children of another age level who are unrelated to the operator.
- 13 The term includes a facility located in a residence or another
- 14 premises.
- 15 Section 3. Staffing.
- 16 (a) Requirement.--Each child day-care center, group child
- 17 day-care home and family child day-care home, as regulated under
- 18 55 Pa. Code Chs. 3270 (relating to child day care centers), 3280
- 19 (relating to group child day care homes) and 3290 (relating to
- 20 family child day care homes), shall have:
- 21 (1) One or more persons who hold a current certificate
- of completion of pediatric first aid training at the facility
- 23 when day-care children are in care. Such pediatric first aid
- 24 training shall include choke-saving and rescue breathing
- techniques.
- 26 (2) At least one person at the facility who holds a
- 27 current certificate of completion of training in infant and
- child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when a child who
- 29 has an increased risk for needing heart resuscitation is in
- 30 care at the facility. The requirement under this paragraph

- 1 shall be in addition to the current requirement for infant
- and child CPR at it relates to lifeguard training.
- 3 (b) Training.--
- 4 (1) Completion of training, including testing of skills
- and knowledge, shall be documented by the signature and title
- of a representative of the training entity and shall include
- 7 the date training was completed. Documentation shall be
- 8 retained in the facility in that person's file.
- 9 (2) Pediatric first aid and CPR training shall be
- 10 renewed on or before expiration of certification and at least
- 11 every three years.
- 12 Section 4. Applicability.
- 13 This act shall apply to each facility on the date of the next
- 14 licensing or certification renewal of that facility or one year,
- 15 whichever is longer.
- 16 Section 5. Effective date.
- 17 This act shall take effect in six months.