

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Requiring certain facilities and persons that provide child day
2 care to install video camera surveillance systems; and
3 conferring powers and duties on the Department of Public
4 Welfare.

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 Video Camera
9 Surveillance in Child Day-Care Facilities 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." Care in lieu of parental care given for
15 part of a 24-hour day to a child under 16 years of age away from
16 the child's home. The term does not include care in lieu of
17 parental care given to a child under 16 years of age in a place
18 of worship during religious services.

19 "Child day-care center." Any premises in which child day

1 care is provided simultaneously for seven or more children who
2 are not relatives of the provider, regardless of which article
3 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public
4 Welfare Code, applies to it.

5 "Department." The Department of Public Welfare of the
6 Commonwealth.

7 "Facility." Any of the following:

8 (1) Child day-care center.

9 (2) Family day-care home.

10 "Family day-care home." A home in which child day care is
11 provided at any one time to four, five or six children who are
12 not relatives of the provider of the child day care and which is
13 required to be registered under the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.
14 31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code.

15 Section 3. Video camera surveillance systems.

16 (a) Duty to install and maintain.--Each facility shall
17 install and maintain video camera surveillance systems that meet
18 or exceed the specifications for such systems as established by
19 regulation of the department.

20 (b) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate
21 regulations that provide specifications for video camera
22 surveillance systems in facilities and standards for the use of
23 such systems.

24 (c) Inspections.--The department may conduct inspections of
25 facilities to investigate compliance with this act.

26 Section 4. Applicability.

27 This act shall apply to facilities that commence operations
28 after the effective date of this section.

29 Section 5. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect in 60 days.