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AN ACT

1 Requiring certain facilities and persons that provide child day  
2 care to install safety guards on doors; and conferring powers  
3 and duties on the Department of Human Services.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Door Safety  
8 in Child Day-Care Facilities Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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

18 "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 Human  
4 Services Code, applies to it.

5 "Department." The Department of Human Services of the  
6 Commonwealth.

7 "Facility." Either of the following:

8 (1) A child day-care center.

9 (2) A 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 Human Services Code.

14 Section 3. Safety guards on doors.

15 (a) Duty to install and maintain.--Each facility shall  
16 install and maintain door safety guards that meet or exceed the  
17 specifications as the department establishes by regulation.

18 (b) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate  
19 regulations that provide specifications for door safety guards  
20 in facilities.

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

23 Section 4. Applicability.

24 This act shall apply to all facilities providing services  
25 before, on or after the effective date of this section.

26 Section 5. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.