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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 7, 1999

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 UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- 4 (CPR) at the facility when 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 WHOSE CHILD HEALTH PHYSICIAN IDENTIFIES THAT THE CHILD has an
- 30 increased risk for needing heart resuscitation is in care at

- 1 the facility. The requirement under this paragraph shall be
- 2 in addition to the current requirement for infant and child
- 3 CPR at it relates to lifeguard training.
- 4 (b) Training.--
- 5 (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
- 8 the date training was completed. SUCH TRAINING ENTITY SHALL
- 9 BE A STATE-LICENSED OR NATIONALLY CERTIFIED HEALTH
- 10 PROFESSIONAL WITH PEDIATRIC TRAINING. Documentation shall be
- retained in the facility in that person's file.
- 12 (2) THE CONTENT OF THE TRAINING SHALL INCLUDE THE
- 13 INFORMATION SPECIFIED FOR THE FIRST AID AND CPR IN THE
- 14 CURRENT EDITION OF CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN, THE NATIONAL
- 15 HEALTH AND SAFETY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR OUT-OF-HOME CHILD
- 16 CARE, PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, THE
- 17 AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND THE MATERNAL AND CHILD
- 18 HEALTH BUREAU OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
- 19 HUMAN SERVICES.
- 20 (2) (3) Pediatric first aid and CPR training shall be
- 21 renewed on or before expiration of certification and at least
- 22 every three years.
- 23 Section 4. Applicability.
- 24 This act shall apply to each facility on the date of the next
- 25 licensing or certification renewal of that facility or one year,
- 26 whichever is longer.
- 27 Section 5. Effective date.
- This act shall take effect in six months.