

## Chapter 242

(Senate Bill 176)

AN ACT concerning

### Family Law – Family Day Care Homes and Child Care Centers – Inspections

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Department of Human Resources~~ State Department of Education to adopt regulations that provide for an announced inspection by the Department of each registered family day care home prior to issuance of a continuing registration; requiring the Department to inspect each child care center on an announced basis prior to issuing a continuing license or letter of compliance; repealing a requirement that the Department inspect on an announced basis certain family day care homes and child care centers at certain intervals; repealing a requirement that an inspection by the Department of certain family day care homes and child care centers include a determination of whether certain record keeping requirements are being met; and generally relating to inspections of family day care homes and child care centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5–551(c)(7) and 5–578(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### Article – Family Law

5–551.

(c) At a minimum, the regulations of the Department shall provide for:

(7) announced inspection by the Department of each registered family day care home prior to issuance of an initial **OR CONTINUING** registration [and at least once every 2 years thereafter] to determine whether applicable requirements[, including record keeping requirements,] are being met;

5–578.

(c) The Department shall inspect each child care center operating under a license or a letter of compliance:

(1) on an announced basis prior to issuing the **INITIAL OR CONTINUING** license or letter of compliance [and at least every 2 years thereafter] to determine whether applicable requirements[, including record keeping requirements,] are being met; and

(2) on an unannounced basis at least once during each 12-month period that the license or letter of compliance is in effect to determine whether safe and appropriate child care is being provided.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.**