

# HOUSE BILL 785

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Common Ownership Communities and Zoning Authorities – Operation of**  
3 **Family Child Care Homes – Limitations**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a provision in certain documents of certain cooperative  
5 housing corporations from prohibiting or restricting the establishment or operation  
6 of certain family child care homes, subject to certain provisions of law; prohibiting a  
7 provision in certain documents of certain cooperative housing corporations from  
8 limiting the number of children for which certain family child care homes provide  
9 family child care below a certain number; prohibiting a local jurisdiction in the State  
10 from limiting the number of children for which certain family child care homes  
11 provide family child care below a certain number by local ordinance, resolution, law,  
12 or rule; repealing the authority of certain condominium associations and certain  
13 homeowners associations to include a provision in their governing documents that  
14 prohibits the establishment or operation of certain family child care homes, subject  
15 to certain provisions of law; prohibiting a provision in certain documents of certain  
16 condominium associations or certain homeowners associations from limiting the  
17 number of children for which certain family child care homes provide family child  
18 care below a certain number; and generally relating to common ownership  
19 communities and zoning and the operation of family child care homes.

20 BY adding to  
21 Article – Corporations and Associations  
22 Section 5–6B–22.1  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
26 Article – Education  
27 Section 9.5–301(a) and (e) through (g)  
28 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
3 Article – Land Use  
4 Section 1–401 and 10–103  
5 Annotated Code of Maryland  
6 (2012 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

7 BY adding to  
8 Article – Land Use  
9 Section 4–216  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Real Property  
14 Section 11–111.1 and 11B–111.1  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Corporations and Associations**

20 **5–6B–22.1.**

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
22 INDICATED.

23 (2) “FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
24 9.5–301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

25 (3) “FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
26 9.5–301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

27 (4) “LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME” HAS THE MEANING STATED  
28 IN § 9.5–301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

29 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A COOPERATIVE HOUSING  
30 CORPORATION THAT IS RESTRICTED FOR OCCUPANCY TO INDIVIDUALS OVER A  
31 SPECIFIED AGE.

32 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (D) THROUGH (F)  
33 OF THIS SECTION, A PROVISION IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR A

1 PROPRIETARY LEASE OR A PROVISION OF THE BYLAWS OF A COOPERATIVE HOUSING  
2 CORPORATION MAY NOT PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT:

3 (I) THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A FAMILY CHILD  
4 CARE HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME; OR

5 (II) THE USE OF THE ROADS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER COMMON  
6 ELEMENTS OF THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION BY USERS OF THE  
7 FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME.

8 (2) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS  
9 SECTION, THE OPERATION OF A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD  
10 CARE HOME SHALL BE:

11 (I) CONSIDERED A RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY; AND

12 (II) A PERMITTED ACTIVITY.

13 (3) A PROVISION IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR A  
14 PROPRIETARY LEASE OR A PROVISION OF THE BYLAWS OF A COOPERATIVE HOUSING  
15 CORPORATION MAY NOT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR WHICH A FAMILY  
16 CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME PROVIDES FAMILY CHILD  
17 CARE TO BELOW THE NUMBER AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
18 EDUCATION.

19 (D) A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY INCLUDE IN THE  
20 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR A PROPRIETARY LEASE OR THE BYLAWS A  
21 PROVISION THAT:

22 (1) REQUIRES FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS TO PAY ON A PRO  
23 RATA BASIS BASED ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES OR  
24 LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES OPERATING IN THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING  
25 CORPORATION ANY INCREASE IN INSURANCE COSTS OF THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING  
26 CORPORATION THAT ARE SOLELY AND DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE  
27 OPERATION OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES  
28 IN THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION; AND

29 (2) IMPOSES A FEE FOR USE OF COMMON ELEMENTS IN A  
30 REASONABLE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50 PER YEAR ON EACH FAMILY CHILD CARE  
31 HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME THAT IS REGISTERED AND OPERATING  
32 IN THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION.

1           **(E) THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY REQUIRE RESIDENTS**  
2 **TO NOTIFY THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION BEFORE OPENING A FAMILY**  
3 **CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME.**

4           **(F) (1) A FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER IN A COOPERATIVE HOUSING**  
5 **CORPORATION:**

6                       **(I) SHALL OBTAIN THE LIABILITY INSURANCE DESCRIBED**  
7 **UNDER §§ 19-106 AND 19-203 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE IN AT LEAST THE**  
8 **MINIMUM AMOUNTS DESCRIBED UNDER THOSE STATUTES; AND**

9                       **(II) MAY NOT OPERATE WITHOUT THE LIABILITY INSURANCE**  
10 **DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

11           **(2) A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A**  
12 **FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER TO OBTAIN INSURANCE IN AN AMOUNT GREATER**  
13 **THAN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
14 **SUBSECTION.**

#### 15                                       **Article – Education**

16 9.5-301.

17           (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

18           (e) “Family child care home” means a residence in which family child care is  
19 provided for up to eight children.

20           (f) “Family child care provider” means an individual who cares for children in a  
21 registered family child care home or a registered large family child care home.

22           (g) “Large family child care home” means a residence in which family child care  
23 is provided for at least nine children, but not more than 12 children.

#### 24                                       **Article – Land Use**

25 1-401.

26           (a) Except as provided in this section, this division does not apply to charter  
27 counties.

28           (b) The following provisions of this division apply to a charter county:

29                       (1) this subtitle, including Parts II and III (Charter county –  
30 Comprehensive plans);

- 1           (2) § 1–101(l), (m), and (o) (Definitions – “Plan”, “Priority funding area”,  
2 and “Sensitive area”);
- 3           (3) § 1–201 (Visions);
- 4           (4) § 1–206 (Required education);
- 5           (5) § 1–207 (Annual report – In general);
- 6           (6) § 1–208 (Annual report – Measures and indicators);
- 7           (7) Title 1, Subtitle 3 (Consistency);
- 8           (8) Title 1, Subtitle 5 (Growth Tiers);
- 9           (9) § 4–104(c) (Limitations – Bicycle parking);
- 10          (10) § 4–104(d) (Limitations – Manufactured homes and modular dwellings);
- 11          (11) § 4–208 (Exceptions – Maryland Accessibility Code);
- 12          (12) § 4–210 (Permits and variances – Solar panels);
- 13          (13) § 4–211 (Change in zoning classification – Energy generating systems);
- 14          (14) § 4–212 (Agritourism);
- 15          (15) § 4–213 (Alcohol production);
- 16          (16) § 4–214 (Agricultural alcohol production);
- 17          (17) § 4–215 (Pollinator–friendly vegetation management);
- 18          (18) **§ 4–216 (LIMITATIONS – FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND LARGE**  
19 **FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES);**
- 20          **(19)** § 5–102(d) (Subdivision regulations – Burial sites);
- 21          **[(19)] (20)** § 5–104 (Major subdivision – Review);
- 22          **[(20)] (21)** Title 7, Subtitle 1 (Development Mechanisms);
- 23          **[(21)] (22)** Title 7, Subtitle 2 (Transfer of Development Rights);
- 24          **[(22)] (23)** except in Montgomery County or Prince George’s County, Title  
25 7, Subtitle 3 (Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreements);

1            [(23)] **(24)** Title 7, Subtitle 4 (Inclusionary Zoning);

2            [(24)] **(25)** Title 7, Subtitle 5 (Housing Expansion and Affordability);

3            [(25)] **(26)** § 8–401 (Conversion of overhead facilities);

4            [(26)] **(27)** for Baltimore County only, Title 9, Subtitle 3 (Single–County  
5 Provisions – Baltimore County);

6            [(27)] **(28)** for Frederick County only, Title 9, Subtitle 10 (Single–County  
7 Provisions – Frederick County);

8            [(28)] **(29)** for Howard County only, Title 9, Subtitle 13 (Single–County  
9 Provisions – Howard County);

10           [(29)] **(30)** for Talbot County only, Title 9, Subtitle 18 (Single–County  
11 Provisions – Talbot County); and

12           [(30)] **(31)** Title 11, Subtitle 2 (Civil Penalty).

13           (c) This section supersedes any inconsistent provision of Division II of this article.

14           **4–216.**

15           **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
16 **INDICATED.**

17           **(2) “FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**  
18 **9.5–301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

19           **(3) “LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME” HAS THE MEANING STATED**  
20 **IN § 9.5–301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

21           **(B) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT, BY LOCAL ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION,**  
22 **LAW, OR RULE, LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR WHICH A FAMILY CHILD CARE**  
23 **HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME PROVIDES FAMILY CHILD CARE TO**  
24 **BELOW THE NUMBER AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

25           10–103.

26           (a) Except as provided in this section, this division does not apply to Baltimore  
27 City.

28           (b) The following provisions of this division apply to Baltimore City:

- 1 (1) this title;
- 2 (2) § 1–101(m) (Definitions – “Priority funding area”);
- 3 (3) § 1–101(o) (Definitions – “Sensitive area”);
- 4 (4) § 1–201 (Visions);
- 5 (5) § 1–206 (Required education);
- 6 (6) § 1–207 (Annual report – In general);
- 7 (7) § 1–208 (Annual report – Measures and indicators);
- 8 (8) Title 1, Subtitle 3 (Consistency);
- 9 (9) Title 1, Subtitle 4, Parts II and III (Home Rule Counties –  
10 Comprehensive Plans; Implementation);
- 11 (10) § 4–104(c) (Limitations – Bicycle parking);
- 12 (11) § 4–104(d) (Limitations – Manufactured homes and modular dwellings);
- 13 (12) § 4–205 (Administrative adjustments);
- 14 (13) § 4–207 (Exceptions – Maryland Accessibility Code);
- 15 (14) § 4–210 (Permits and variances – Solar panels);
- 16 (15) § 4–211 (Change in zoning classification – Energy generating systems);
- 17 (16) § 4–215 (Pollinator–friendly vegetation management);
- 18 (17) **§ 4–216 (LIMITATIONS – FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND LARGE**  
19 **FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES);**
- 20 **(18)** § 5–102(d) (Subdivision regulations – Burial sites);
- 21 **[(18)] (19)** Title 7, Subtitle 1 (Development Mechanisms);
- 22 **[(19)] (20)** Title 7, Subtitle 2 (Transfer of Development Rights);
- 23 **[(20)] (21)** Title 7, Subtitle 3 (Development Rights and Responsibilities  
24 Agreements);





1           (2)] The provisions of this section relating to no–impact home–based  
2 businesses do not apply to a condominium that [has]:

3           (1) **HAS** adopted, prior to July 1, 1999, procedures in accordance with its  
4 covenants, declaration, or bylaws for the regulation or prohibition of no–impact  
5 home–based businesses; **OR**

6           (2) **IS RESTRICTED FOR OCCUPANCY TO INDIVIDUALS OVER A**  
7 **SPECIFIED AGE.**

8           (c) (1) Subject to the provisions of [subsections] **SUBSECTION (d) [and (e)(1)]**  
9 of this section, a recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision  
10 of the bylaws or rules of a condominium [that prohibits or restricts commercial or business  
11 activity in general, but does not expressly apply to family child care homes or no–impact  
12 home–based businesses, may not be construed to prohibit or restrict]:

13                   (i) **MAY NOT PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT:**

14                           1. The establishment and operation of family child care  
15 homes or **LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES; OR**

16                           2. **THE USE OF THE ROADS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER**  
17 **COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM BY USERS OF THE FAMILY CHILD CARE**  
18 **HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME; AND**

19                   (ii) **IF THE RECORDED COVENANT OR RESTRICTION, PROVISION**  
20 **IN A DECLARATION, OR PROVISION OF THE BYLAWS OR RULES OF A CONDOMINIUM**  
21 **OTHERWISE PROHIBITS OR RESTRICTS COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN**  
22 **GENERAL BUT DOES NOT EXPRESSLY APPLY TO NO–IMPACT HOME–BASED**  
23 **BUSINESSES, MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT** no–impact  
24 home–based businesses[; or

25                   (ii) Use of the roads, sidewalks, and other common elements of the  
26 condominium by users of the family child care home].

27           (2) Subject to the provisions of [subsections] **SUBSECTION (d) [and (e)(1)]**  
28 of this section, the operation of a family child care home, **LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE**  
29 **HOME**, or no–impact home–based business shall be:

30                   (i) Considered a residential activity; and

31                   (ii) A permitted activity.

1           **(3) A RECORDED COVENANT OR RESTRICTION, A PROVISION IN A**  
2 **DECLARATION, OR A PROVISION OF THE BYLAWS OR RULES OF A CONDOMINIUM MAY**  
3 **NOT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR WHICH A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR**  
4 **LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME PROVIDES FAMILY CHILD CARE TO BELOW THE**  
5 **NUMBER AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

6           (d) (1) (i) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this  
7 subsection, a condominium may include in its declaration, bylaws, or rules and restrictions  
8 a provision expressly prohibiting the use of a unit as a [family child care home or]  
9 no-impact home-based business.

10                   (ii) A provision described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph  
11 expressly prohibiting the use of a unit as a [family child care home or] no-impact  
12 home-based business shall apply to an existing [family child care home or] no-impact  
13 home-based business in the condominium.

14           (2) A provision described under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection  
15 expressly prohibiting the use of a unit as a [family child care home or] no-impact  
16 home-based business may not be enforced unless it is approved by a simple majority of the  
17 total eligible voters of the condominium under the voting procedures contained in the  
18 declaration or bylaws of the condominium.

19           (3) If a condominium includes in its declaration, bylaws, or rules and  
20 restrictions, a provision prohibiting the use of a unit as a [family child care home or]  
21 no-impact home-based business, it shall also include a provision stating that the  
22 prohibition may be eliminated and [family child care homes or] no-impact home-based  
23 businesses may be approved by a simple majority of the total eligible voters of the  
24 condominium under the voting procedures contained in the declaration or bylaws of the  
25 condominium.

26           (4) If a condominium includes in its declaration, bylaws, or rules and  
27 restrictions a provision expressly prohibiting the use of a unit as a [family child care home  
28 or] no-impact home-based business, the prohibition may be eliminated and [family child  
29 care or] no-impact home-based business activities may be permitted by the approval of a  
30 simple majority of the total eligible voters of the condominium under the voting procedures  
31 contained in the declaration or bylaws of the condominium.

32           (e) A condominium may include in its declaration, bylaws, or rules and  
33 restrictions a provision that:

34                   (1) [Regulates the number or percentage of family child care homes  
35 operating in the condominium, provided that the percentage of family child care homes  
36 permitted may not be less than 7.5 percent of the total units of the condominium;

37                   (2)] Requires **FAMILY** child care providers to pay on a pro rata basis based  
38 on the total number of family child care homes **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

1 operating in the condominium any increase in insurance costs of the condominium that are  
2 solely and directly attributable to the operation of family child care homes **OR LARGE**  
3 **FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** in the condominium; and

4 **[(3)] (2)** Imposes a fee for use of common elements in a reasonable  
5 amount not to exceed \$50 per year on each family child care home, **LARGE FAMILY CHILD**  
6 **CARE HOME**, or no-impact home-based business which is registered and operating in the  
7 condominium.

8 (f) (1) **[If the condominium regulates the number or percentage of family child**  
9 **care homes under subsection (e)(1) of this section, in order to assure compliance with the**  
10 **regulation, the] THE** condominium may require residents to notify the condominium before  
11 opening a family child care home **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**.

12 (2) The condominium may require residents to notify the condominium  
13 before opening a no-impact home-based business.

14 (g) (1) A **FAMILY** child care provider in a condominium:

15 (i) Shall obtain the liability insurance described under §§ 19-106  
16 and 19-203 of the Insurance Article in at least the minimum amount described under that  
17 statute; and

18 (ii) May not operate without the liability insurance described under  
19 item (i) of this paragraph.

20 (2) A condominium may not require a **FAMILY** child care provider to obtain  
21 insurance in an amount greater than the minimum amount required under paragraph (1)  
22 of this subsection.

23 (h) A condominium may restrict or prohibit a no-impact home-based business in  
24 any common elements.

25 (i) To the extent that this section is inconsistent with any other provision of this  
26 title, this section shall take precedence over any inconsistent provision.

27 11B-111.1.

28 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

29 (2) **["Child care provider"** means the adult who has primary responsibility  
30 for the operation of a family child care home.

31 (3) **"Family child care home"** **[means a unit registered under Title 9.5,**  
32 **Subtitle 3] HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9.5-301** of the Education Article.

1                   **(3) “FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**  
2 **9.5–301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

3                   **(4) “LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME” HAS THE MEANING STATED**  
4 **IN § 9.5–301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

5                   **[(4)] (5)**        “No–impact home–based business” means a business that:

6                   (i)        Is consistent with the residential character of the dwelling unit;

7                   (ii)       Is subordinate to the use of the dwelling unit for residential  
8 purposes and requires no external modifications that detract from the residential  
9 appearance of the dwelling unit;

10                  (iii)      Uses no equipment or process that creates noise, vibration, glare,  
11 fumes, odors, or electrical or electronic interference detectable by neighbors or that causes  
12 an increase of common expenses that can be solely and directly attributable to a no–impact  
13 home–based business; and

14                  (iv)      Does not involve use, storage, or disposal of any grouping or  
15 classification of materials that the United States Secretary of Transportation or the State  
16 or any local governing body designates as a hazardous material.

17                  (b)      **[(1)**    The provisions of this section relating to family child care homes do not  
18 apply to a homeowners association that is limited to housing for older persons, as defined  
19 under the federal Fair Housing Act.

20                  **(2)]**    The provisions of this section relating to no–impact home–based  
21 businesses do not apply to a homeowners association that **[has]:**

22                  **(1)**    **HAS** adopted, prior to July 1, 1999, procedures in accordance with its  
23 covenants, declaration, or bylaws for the prohibition or regulation of no–impact  
24 home–based businesses; **OR**

25                  **(2)**    **IS RESTRICTED FOR OCCUPANCY TO INDIVIDUALS OVER A**  
26 **SPECIFIED AGE.**

27                  (c)      (1)    Subject to the provisions of **[subsections]** **SUBSECTION (d) [and (e)(1)]**  
28 of this section, a recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision  
29 of the bylaws or rules of a homeowners association **[that prohibits or restricts commercial**  
30 **or business activity in general, but does not expressly apply to family child care homes or**  
31 **no–impact home–based businesses, may not be construed to prohibit or restrict]:**

32                  (i)       **[The establishment] MAY NOT PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT THE:**

1                   **1. ESTABLISHMENT** and operation of family child care  
2 homes or **LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES; OR**

3                   **2. USE OF THE ROADS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER**  
4 **COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BY USERS OF THE FAMILY**  
5 **CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME; AND**

6                   **(II) IF THE RECORDED COVENANT OR RESTRICTION, PROVISION**  
7 **IN A DECLARATION, OR PROVISION OF THE BYLAWS OR RULES OF A HOMEOWNERS**  
8 **ASSOCIATION OTHERWISE PROHIBITS OR RESTRICTS COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS**  
9 **ACTIVITY IN GENERAL BUT DOES NOT EXPRESSLY APPLY TO NO-IMPACT**  
10 **HOME-BASED BUSINESS, MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT**  
11 **no-impact home-based businesses[; or**

12                   (ii) Use of the roads, sidewalks, and other common areas of the  
13 homeowners association by users of the family child care home].

14                   (2) Subject to the provisions of [subsections] **SUBSECTION (d) [and (e)(1)]**  
15 **of this section, the operation of a family child care home, LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE**  
16 **HOME, or no-impact home-based business shall be:**

17                   (i) Considered a residential activity; and

18                   (ii) A permitted activity.

19                   **(3) A RECORDED COVENANT OR RESTRICTION, A PROVISION IN A**  
20 **DECLARATION, OR A PROVISION OF THE BYLAWS OR RULES OF A HOMEOWNERS**  
21 **ASSOCIATION MAY NOT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR WHICH A FAMILY**  
22 **CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME PROVIDES FAMILY CHILD**  
23 **CARE TO BELOW THE NUMBER AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF**  
24 **EDUCATION.**

25                   (d) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph and  
26 subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a homeowners  
27 association may include in its declaration, bylaws, or recorded covenants and restrictions a  
28 provision expressly prohibiting the use of a residence as a [family child care home or]  
29 no-impact home-based business.

30                   (ii) [A homeowners association may not include a provision  
31 described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph expressly prohibiting the use of a  
32 residence as a family child care home in its declaration, bylaws, or recorded covenants and  
33 restrictions until the lot owners, other than the developer, have 90% of the votes in the  
34 homeowners association.

1 (iii) A provision described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph  
2 expressly prohibiting the use of a residence as a [family child care home or] no-impact  
3 home-based business shall apply to an existing [family child care home or] no-impact  
4 home-based business in the homeowners association.

5 (2) A provision described under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection  
6 expressly prohibiting the use of a residence as a [family child care home or] no-impact  
7 home-based business may not be enforced unless it is approved by a simple majority of the  
8 total eligible voters of the homeowners association, not including the developer, under the  
9 voting procedures contained in the declaration or bylaws of the homeowners association.

10 (3) If a homeowners association includes in its declaration, bylaws, or  
11 recorded covenants and restrictions a provision prohibiting the use of a residence as a  
12 [family child care home or] no-impact home-based business, it shall also include a  
13 provision stating that the prohibition may be eliminated and [family child care homes or]  
14 no-impact home-based businesses may be approved by a simple majority of the total  
15 eligible voters of the homeowners association under the voting procedures contained in the  
16 declaration or bylaws of the homeowners association.

17 (4) If a homeowners association includes in its declaration, bylaws, or  
18 recorded covenants and restrictions a provision expressly prohibiting the use of a residence  
19 as a [family child care home or] no-impact home-based business, the prohibition may be  
20 eliminated and [family child care or] no-impact home-based business activities may be  
21 permitted by the approval of a simple majority of the total eligible voters of the homeowners  
22 association under the voting procedures contained in the declaration or bylaws of the  
23 homeowners association.

24 (e) A homeowners association may include in its declaration, bylaws, rules, or  
25 recorded covenants and restrictions a provision that:

26 (1) Requires **FAMILY** child care providers to pay on a pro rata basis based  
27 on the total number of family child care homes operating in the homeowners association  
28 any increase in insurance costs of the homeowners association that are solely and directly  
29 attributable to the operation of family child care homes in the homeowners association; and

30 (2) Imposes a fee for use of common areas in a reasonable amount not to  
31 exceed \$50 per year on each family child care home or no-impact home-based business  
32 which is registered and operating in the homeowners association.

33 (f) (1) [If the homeowners association regulates the number or percentage of  
34 family child care homes under subsection (e)(1) of this section, in order to assure compliance  
35 with this regulation, the] **THE** homeowners association may require residents to notify the  
36 homeowners association before opening a family child care home **OR LARGE FAMILY**  
37 **CHILD CARE HOME.**

1           (2) The homeowners association may require residents to notify the  
2 homeowners association before opening a no–impact home–based business.

3           (g) (1) A **FAMILY** child care provider in a homeowners association:

4                   (i) Shall obtain the liability insurance described under §§ 19–106  
5 and 19–203 of the Insurance Article in at least the minimum amount described under that  
6 statute; and

7                   (ii) May not operate without the liability insurance described under  
8 item (i) of this paragraph.

9           (2) A homeowners association may not require a **FAMILY** child care  
10 provider to obtain insurance in an amount greater than the minimum amount required  
11 under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

12           (h) A homeowners association may restrict or prohibit a no–impact home–based  
13 business in any common areas.

14           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2025.