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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES BILL SUMMARY



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The new draft also requires each provider of home day care and of home baby-sitting services to give an explanatory brochure to applicants. The Department of Human Services is required to prepare the brochures and distribute them to the providers.

In addition, the new draft rewrites the language concerning the tuberculosis test and water test to be consistent with the current tests now required for licensed day care providers. The statutory tests and procedures are more restrictive than necessary. This change allows the department to utilize the most appropriate testing procedures as advances in medicine and water testing are developed.

Several amendments were proposed in the Senate. Senate Amendment "B" (S-202) was the only one included in the final enacted bill. It added language which clarified the law with regard to the department's authority to investigate complaints by specifying that the department must have reasonable cause to suspect that a violation of the certification requirements has occurred.

Senate Amendment A (S-189) sought to delete the right of entry granted to the department to investigate complaints. Senate Amendment "D" (S-209) sought to require a complainant to give his name and address to the department before it can take action on a complaint. Senate Amendment "C" (S-208) was just a variation of the wording on that issue, corrected by Senate Amendment "D".

LD:

1617

AN ACT TO RENAME REGISTERED DAY CARE PROVIDERS AS HOME BABY-SITTING SERVICE PROVIDERS

MANNING BUSTIN CARROLL

RPT NOT ACCEPTED

HOUSE Min. Rep. ND of LD 0439 SENATE GOU

SUMMARY:

This new draft (of LD 439) was identical to LD 1616 except that it did not provide for an annual inspection by the department to ensure compliance with the law.