

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Day Care Providers –Limiting Number of Children**

30 For the purpose of changing the amount of children a day care provider is allowed  
40 to care for; creating a safer environment for the children and the day care provider.

50 By repealing

60 Article – Family Law  
70 Section 5-553 (a), and (b)  
80 Annotated Code of Maryland  
90 (1992 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

100 By Adding to

110 Article – Family Law  
120 Section 5-553 (a), and (b)  
130 Annotated Code of Maryland  
140 (1992 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

150 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT

160 LEGISLATURE: That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

170 **Article – Family Law**

180 § 5-553. Group size

190 (a) Construction. -- For purposes of this Part V of this subtitle, a day care  
200 provider's own children under the age of 2 SIX years WHO ARE NOT  
210 ATTENDING AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION shall be counted as  
220 children served.

230 (b) Maximum Group Size. --

240 (1) At any given time, a day care provider may not care for more than 8  
250 SIX children, of whom no more than 4 may be under the age of 2 years.  
260 (2) An adult to child ratio of at least 1 adult to every 2 children under the  
270 age of 2 years shall be maintained at all times

280 (c) Power of Department to decrease maximum. – If the department determines  
290 that the group size provisions of subsection (b) of this section are unsuitable for a  
300 particular family day care home, the Department may decrease the number of  
310 children permitted to be in care at that family day care home.

320 Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this act shall take effect on  
330 October 1, 2001.

340 MANDATES: Governor Parris N. Glendening  
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