SENATE BILL No. 615

(As amended, June 30, 2005)

June 16, 2005, Introduced by Senators HARDIMAN, BIRKHOLZ, CROPSEY, GOSCHKA and BROWN and referred to the Committee on Families and Human Services.

<<A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled

"An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 5 (MCL 722.115), as amended by 2004 PA 315, and by adding sections 5c, 5f, and 5g.>>

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Sec. 5. (1) A person, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or nongovernmental organization shall not establish or maintain a child care organization unless licensed or registered by the department. Application for a license or certificate of registration shall be made on forms provided, and in the manner prescribed, by the department. Before issuing or renewing a license, the department shall investigate the applicant's

1 activities and proposed standards of care and shall make an on-site 2 visit of the proposed or established organization. If the department is satisfied as to the need for a child care 3 4 organization, its financial stability, the applicant's good moral 5 character, and that the services and facilities are conducive to the welfare of the children, the department shall issue or renew 6 the license. As used in this subsection, "good moral character" 7 means that term as defined in and determined under 1974 PA 381, MCL 8 9 338.41 to 338.47. If a county juvenile agency as defined in section 10 2 of the county juvenile agency act, 1998 PA 518, MCL 45.622, 11 certifies to the department that it intends to contract with an 12 applicant for a new license, the department shall issue or deny the 13 license within 60 days after it receives a complete application as provided in section 5b. 14

(2) The department shall issue a certificate of registration 15 16 to a person who has successfully completed an orientation session 17 offered by the department and who certifies to the department that 18 the family day care home has complied with and will continue to 19 comply with the rules promulgated under this act and will provide 20 services and facilities, as determined by the department, conducive 21 to the welfare of children. The department shall make available to 22 applicants for registration an orientation session to applicants 23 for registration regarding this act, the rules promulgated under 24 this act, and the needs of children in family day care before issuing a certificate of registration. The department shall issue a 25 26 certificate of registration to a specific person at a specific 27 location. A certificate of registration is nontransferable and

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remains the property of the department. Within 90 days after
 initial registration, the department shall make an on-site visit of
 the family day care home.

4 (3) The department may authorize a licensed child placing 5 agency or an approved governmental unit to investigate a foster family home or a foster family group home according to subsection 6 (1) and to certify that the foster family home or foster family 7 group home meets the licensing requirements prescribed by this act. 8 A foster family home or a foster family group home shall be 9 certified for licensing by the department by only 1 child placing 10 11 agency or approved governmental unit. Other child placing agencies 12 may place children in a foster family home or foster family group 13 home only upon the approval of the certifying agency or 14 governmental unit.

(4) The department may authorize a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit to place a child who is 16 or 17 years of age in his or her own unlicensed residence, or in the unlicensed residence of an adult who has no supervisory responsibility for the child, if a child placing agency or governmental unit retains supervisory responsibility for the child.

(5) A licensed child placing agency, child caring institution, and an approved governmental unit shall provide the state court administrative office and a local foster care review board established under 1984 PA 422, MCL 722.131 to 722.139a, those records requested pertaining to children in foster care placement for more than 6 months.

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(6) The department may authorize a licensed child placing

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agency or an approved governmental unit to place a child who is 16 or 17 years old in an adult foster care family home or an adult foster care small group home licensed under the adult foster care facility licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, if a licensed child placing agency or approved governmental unit retains supervisory responsibility for the child and certifies to the department all of the following:

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(a) The placement is in the best interests of the child.

9 (b) The child's needs can be adequately met by the adult10 foster care family home or small group home.

11 (c) The child will be compatible with other residents of the12 adult foster care family home or small group home.

(d) The child placing agency or approved governmental unit will periodically reevaluate the placement of a child under this subsection to determine that the criteria for placement in subdivisions (a) through (c) continue to be met.

17 (7) On an exception basis, the director of the department, or 18 his or her designee, may authorize a licensed child placing agency 19 or an approved governmental unit to place an adult in a foster 20 family home if a licensed child placing agency or approved 21 governmental unit certifies to the department all of the following:

(a) The adult is a person with a developmental disability as
defined by section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL
330.1100a, or a person who is otherwise neurologically disabled and
is also physically limited to a degree that requires complete
physical assistance with mobility and activities of daily living.

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(b) The placement is in the best interests of the adult and

will not adversely affect the interests of the foster child or
 children residing in the foster family home.

3 (c) The identified needs of the adult can be met by the foster4 family home.

5 (d) The adult will be compatible with other residents of the6 foster family home.

7 (e) The child placing agency or approved governmental unit
8 will periodically reevaluate the placement of an adult under this
9 subsection to determine that the criteria for placement in
10 subdivisions (a) through (d) continue to be met and document that
11 the adult is receiving care consistent with the administrative
12 rules for a child placing agency.

13 (8) On an exception basis, the director of the department, or 14 his or her designee, may authorize a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit to place a child in an adult 15 foster care family home or an adult foster care small group home 16 17 licensed under the adult foster care licensing act, 1979 PA 218, 18 MCL 400.701 to 400.737, if the licensed child placing agency or 19 approved governmental unit certifies to the department all of the 20 following:

(a) The placement is in the best interests of the child.
(b) The placement has the concurrence of the parent or
quardian of the child.

24 (c) The identified needs of the child can be met adequately by25 the adult foster care family home or small group home.

26 (d) The child's psychosocial and clinical needs are compatible27 with those of other residents of the adult foster care family home

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1 or small group home.

2 (e) The clinical treatment of the child's condition is similar
3 to that of the other residents of the adult foster care family home
4 or small group home.

5 (f) The child's cognitive level is consistent with the
6 cognitive level of the other residents of the adult foster care
7 family home or small group home.

8 (g) The child is neurologically disabled and is also
9 physically limited to such a degree as to require complete physical
10 assistance with mobility and activities of daily living.

(h) The child placing agency or approved governmental unit will periodically reevaluate the placement of a child under this subsection to determine that the criteria for placement in subdivisions (a) to (g) continue to be met.

15 (9) Beginning the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection OCTOBER 1, 2007, except as provided in 16 17 subsection (1) and section 5b, the department shall issue an initial or renewal license or registration under this act for child 18 19 care centers, group day care homes, and family day care homes not 20 later than 6 months after the applicant files a completed 21 application. Receipt of the application is considered the date the 22 application is received by any agency or department of this state. 23 If the application is considered incomplete by the department, the 24 department shall notify the applicant in writing or make notice electronically available within 30 days after receipt of the 25 26 incomplete application, describing the deficiency and requesting 27 additional information. This subsection does not affect the time

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period within which an on-site visit to a family day care home shall be made. If the department identifies a deficiency or requires the fulfillment of a corrective action plan, the 6-month period is tolled until either of the following occurs:

5 (a) Upon notification by the department of a deficiency, until6 the date the requested information is received by the department.

7 (b) Upon notification by the department that a corrective
8 action plan is required, until the date the department determines
9 the requirements of the corrective action plan have been met.

10 (10) The determination of the completeness of an application 11 is not an approval of the application for the license and does not 12 confer eligibility on an applicant determined otherwise ineligible 13 for issuance of a license.

14 (11) Except as provided in subsection (1) and section 5b, if the department fails to issue or deny a license or registration to 15 16 a child care center, group day care home, or family day care home 17 within the time required by this section, the department shall 18 return the license or registration fee and shall reduce the license 19 or registration fee for the applicant's next renewal application, 20 if any, by 15%. Failure to issue or deny a license to a child care 21 center, group day care home, or family day care home within the time period required under this section does not allow the 22 23 department to otherwise delay the processing of the application. A 24 completed application shall be placed in sequence with other 25 completed applications received at that same time. The department 26 shall not discriminate against an applicant in the processing of an 27 application based on the fact that the application fee was refunded

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1 or discounted under this subsection.

(12) If, on a continual basis, inspections performed by a
local health department delay the department in issuing or denying
licenses or registrations for child care centers, group day care
homes, and family day care homes under this act within the 6-month
period, the department may use department staff to complete the
inspections instead of the local health department causing the
delays.

(13) Beginning October 1, 2008, the director of the department 9 shall submit a report by December 1 of each year to the standing 10 11 committees and appropriations subcommittees of the senate and house of representatives concerned with human services and children's 12 issues. The director shall include all of the following information 13 regarding applications for licenses and registrations only for 14 child care centers, group day care homes, and family day care homes 15 filed under this act in the report concerning the preceding fiscal 16 17 year:

18 (a) The number of initial and renewal applications the
19 department received and completed within the 6-month time period
20 described in subsection (9).

(b) The number of applications requiring a request foradditional information.

23 (c) The number of applications rejected.

24 (d) The number of licenses and registrations not issued within25 the 6-month period.

26 (e) The average processing time for initial and renewal27 licenses and registrations granted after the 6-month period.

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(14) As used in this section, "completed application" means an 1 2 application complete on its face and submitted with any applicable 3 licensing or registration fees as well as any other information, records, approval, security, or similar item required by law or 4 rule from a local unit of government, a federal agency, or a 5 private entity but not from another department or agency of this 6 7 state. A completed application does not include a health inspection 8 performed by a local health department. (15) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ISSUE TO OR RENEW THE LICENSE OF 9

A CHILD CARE CENTER OR DAY CARE CENTER UNDER THIS ACT WITHOUT
 REQUESTING A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK AS
 REQUIRED BY SECTION 5C. << THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ISSUE OR RENEW A

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO A FAMILY DAY CARE HOME OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME UNDER THIS ACT WITHOUT REQUESTING A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 5F AND A DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE ICHAT CHECK REQUIRED BY SECTION 5G.>>

13 SEC. 5C. (1) WHEN A PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, CORPORATION, 14 ASSOCIATION, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION APPLIES FOR OR TO 15 RENEW A LICENSE FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER OR DAY CARE CENTER UNDER 16 SECTION 5, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE 17 POLICE TO PERFORM BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING ON THE PERSON OR EACH 18 PARTNER, OFFICER, OR MANAGER OF THE CHILD CARE CENTER OR DAY CARE 19 CENTER APPLYING FOR THE LICENSE:

20 (A) CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK ON THE PERSON.

(B) CONDUCT A CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK THROUGH THE FEDERALBUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ON THE PERSON.

(2) EACH PERSON APPLYING FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE A CHILD CARE
CENTER OR DAY CARE CENTER SHALL GIVE WRITTEN CONSENT AT THE TIME OF
THE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE TO
CONDUCT THE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK
REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THE

Senate Bill No. 615 as amended June 30, 2005 1 PERSON TO SUBMIT HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE 2 POLICE FOR THE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK 3 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1).

4 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND
5 CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION ON A FORM AND IN
6 THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.

7 (4) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A COMPLETE REQUEST BY THE 8 DEPARTMENT FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK ON A PERSON UNDER THIS 9 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL CONDUCT THE CRIMINAL 10 HISTORY CHECK AND PROVIDE A REPORT OF THE RESULTS TO THE 11 DEPARTMENT. THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN ANY CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD 12 INFORMATION ON THE PERSON MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE 13 POLICE.

14 (5) WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A PROPER REQUEST BY THE
15 DEPARTMENT FOR A CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK ON A PERSON UNDER THIS
16 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL INITIATE THE CRIMINAL
17 RECORDS CHECK. AFTER RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THE CRIMINAL RECORDS
18 CHECK FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 STATE POLICE SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT OF THE RESULTS TO THE
20 DEPARTMENT.

(6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION AND SECTIONS <<5D, 5E, 5F, AND 5G>>:
(A) "CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION" MEANS THAT TERM AS
DEFINED IN SECTION 1A OF 1925 PA 289, MCL 28.241A.

(B) "LISTED OFFENSE" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2
OF THE SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION ACT, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.722.
(7) CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OR THE RESULTS OF A
CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED BY A CHILD

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Senate Bill No. 615 as amended June 30, 2005 CARE CENTER OR DAY CARE CENTER ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING 1 2 AN APPLICANT'S OUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE OR SHE HAS APPLIED OR WHETHER TO RETAIN AN EMPLOYEE. A 3 LICENSEE OR ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT DISCLOSE 4 5 THE REPORT OR ITS CONTENTS EXCEPT A FELONY CONVICTION OR A 6 MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION INVOLVING SEXUAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE TO A 7 PERSON NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN EVALUATING THE APPLICANT'S 8 QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OR THE ISSUE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S 9 CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT. (8) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR A 10 CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK OR A CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK REQUIRED UNDER 11

12 THIS SECTION THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE ACTUAL AND REASONABLE COST OF

13 CONDUCTING THE CHECK.

<<SEC. 5F. (1) WHEN A PERSON APPLIES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO OPERATE A FAMILY DAY CARE HOME OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME UNDER SECTION 5, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE TO PERFORM BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING ON THAT PERSON:

(A) CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK ON THE PERSON.

(B) CONDUCT A CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK THROUGH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ON THE PERSON.

(2) EACH PERSON APPLYING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO OPERATE A FAMILY DAY CARE HOME OR A GROUP DAY CARE HOME SHALL GIVE WRITTEN CONSENT AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE TO CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND A CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THE PERSON TO SUBMIT HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE FOR THE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1).

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION ON A FORM AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.

(4) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A COMPLETE REQUEST BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK ON A PERSON UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL CONDUCT THE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND PROVIDE A REPORT OF THE RESULTS TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN ANY CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION ON THE PERSON MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.

(5) WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A PROPER REQUEST BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR A CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK ON A PERSON UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL INITIATE THE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK. AFTER RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL S03527'05 *

(6) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK OR A CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE ACTUAL AND REASONABLE COST OF CONDUCTING THE CHECK.

(7) A PERSON TO WHOM A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER HE OR SHE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME LISTED IN SECTION 1535A OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1535A, OR WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER HE OR SHE KNOWS OR SHOULD REASONABLY KNOW THAT A PERSON DESCRIBED IN SECTION 5G(1) HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME LISTED IN SECTION 1535A OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1535A.

(8) IF A PERSON REQUIRED TO REPORT UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION, THAT PERSON IS GUILTY OF EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) IF THE CRIME THAT WAS NOT REPORTED IS A FELONY, THE REGISTRANT IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 2 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000.00.

(B) IF THE CRIME THAT WAS NOT REPORTED IS A MISDEMEANOR, THE REGISTRANT IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.

(9) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DELETE FROM THE REGISTRANT'S RECORDS ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO A CHARGE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DOCUMENTATION OF EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE PERSON HAS BEEN ACQUITTED OF A CHARGE HE OR SHE WAS REQUIRED TO REPORT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(B) A CHARGE REPORTED UNDER THIS SECTION HAS BEEN DISMISSED.

(10) NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INFORM ALL PERSONS CURRENTLY ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AND ALL APPLICANTS FOR A CEERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT CERTAIN CHARGES AS REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION AND THE PENALTY FOR NOT REPORTING THOSE CHARGES.

(11) AT THE TIME THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO OPERATE A FAMILY DAY CARE HOME OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME UNDER THIS ACT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE REGISTRANT OF THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT CERTAIN CHARGES AS REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION AND THE PENALTY FOR NOT REPORTING THOSE CHARGES.

(12) NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND CRIMINAL RECRODS CHECK ON ALL PERSONS CURRENTLY ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER THIS ACT TO OPERATE A FAMILY DAY CARE HOME OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME.

SEC. 5G. (1) WHEN A PERSON APPLIES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO OPERATE A FAMILY DAY CARE HOME OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME UNDER SECTION 5, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PERFORM A BACKGROUND CHECK USING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE'S INTERNET CRIMINAL HISTORY ACCESS TOOL (ICHAT) ON ALL PERSONS OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE RESIDING IN THE HOME IN WHICH S03527'05 * THE FAMILY DAY CARE HOME OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME IS OPERATED. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON RESIDING IN THE HOME FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 14 DAYS.

(2) IF A SEARCH OF ICHAT REVEALS THAT THE PERSON DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A LISTED OFFENSE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO THE APPLICANT.

(3) NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PERFORM AN ICHAT CHECK ON ALL PERSONS OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE RESIDING IN THE HOME IN WHICH A FAMILY DAY CARE HOME OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME IS CURRENTLY OPERATED.>>