

## HB 383 -- Licensure of Child Care Facilities

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Currently, a person who cares for fewer than five children, not including any children related to the caregiver by blood, marriage, or adoption within the third degree, is not required to obtain a child care facility license. This bill changes the provision to include these related children in the total child care count. Any unlicensed child care facility with fewer than five children will be required to disclose its exempt status to the parents or guardians of the children in the facility. Any person violating child care licensure requirements or illegally obtaining a child care license, two or more times, will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and assessed a fine of \$200 per day, not to exceed \$10,000. Unlicensed child care facilities operating illegally can be immediately closed by the Department of Health and Senior Services and the county prosecuting attorney may file suit to obtain a permanent order preventing the facility from further operations.