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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to unlicensed child care providers, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 210, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 210.265, to read as follows:

- 210.265. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Sam Pratt's Law".
- 2. If the department of health and senior services is notified or determines that a child care provider exempt from the licensure requirements of this chapter has any pending criminal charges against such child care provider, the department is authorized to conduct an investigation regarding the unlicensed child care provider in the same manner as such an investigation would occur for a licensed child care provider.
- 3. If the department determines that the pending criminal charges against an unlicensed child care provider would similarly result in the sanction of the license of a licensed child care provider based on such pending criminal charges, the department shall notify the unlicensed child care provider that such provider is prohibited from continuing to provide child care services in this state pending a resolution of such criminal charges in favor of the unlicensed child care provider.
- 4. Any unlicensed child care provider who continues to provide child care services following notification by the department to cease such child care services is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Any second or subsequent violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.

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5. The department shall report any known violations of this section to the appropriate prosecuting attorney's office or law enforcement agency.

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