



The Subcommittee on Childcare Access and Affordability meets Wednesday, March 14 at 8:15 am.

To testify in person or send written testimony contact Mary McNamara, Committee Legislative Assistant, Mary.McNamara@house.mn by Tuesday March 13, 3pm.

FCCI opposes the portions of this bill in orange text.

HF 3403 will be heard. Please follow the links for full text of the bill:

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF3403&version=latest&session=ls90&session_year=2018&session_number=0

HF3403 Subdivision 16 INCREASES group family childcare capacity to serve up to 17 children with 2 adults. Of the total children under school age, a combined total of no more than six shall be infants and toddler, no more than four shall be infants.

****FCCI's has significant concerns about the proposed increase negatively impacting the critical early years by compromising the time and opportunity for relationship building, sustained interactions, individualized nurturance and care that is essential in healthy brain development and overall quality of program practices.**

HF 3403 changes the following language in 245A.1435 Reduction of SIUD:

(d) Placing a ~~swaddled~~ an infant swaddled in a blanket down to sleep in a licensed setting is not recommended for an infant of any age and is prohibited for any infant who has begun to roll over independently.

AND

a license holder may place the infant who has not yet begun to roll over on its own down to sleep in a ~~one-piece sleeper equipped with an attached system that fastens securely only across the upper torso, sleep system that is not under a recall or warning from the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission~~ with no constriction of the hips or legs, to create a swaddle.

****FCCI's search of sleep systems not under recall and on the market raises concern for the health and safety infant sleep. Sleep systems found include sleep sacks that are weighted on the chest, sleep systems with hoods, a sleep system with a strap around the infant upper torso, and others with the upper torso enclosed but not attached to the sleep sleeper. The possible interpretation of sleep systems also presents concerns as it opens the door for wedges with or without swaddle straps and other devices such as the Babocush which is a system where the infant is placed tummy side down and velcroed to the device. See photos of sample sleep systems on page 2.**

HF 3403 adds the following to 2245A.152 Child Care License Holder Insurance

(3) upon the expiration ~~date~~ of the policy or a change in coverage, the license holder must provide a new written notice informing all parents or guardians of children receiving services of the change and indicating ~~whether the insurance policy has lapsed or whether the license holder has renewed the policy. If the policy was renewed, the license holder must provide the new expiration date of the policy in writing to the parents or guardians.~~

If a license holder has an insurance policy that automatically renews each year, the license holder may indicate the policy's annual renewal date in the initial written notice to parents and guardians. This initial written notice shall remain valid and no further notices are required until the insurance coverage changes or the policy lapses.

HF 3403 adds the following to 245A.16 subdivision 2

(b) If an investigation conducted under paragraph (a) results in evidence that the commissioner should deny an application or suspend, revoke, or make conditional a license, the county or private agency shall make that recommendation to the commissioner within ten working days. If the commissioner's determination differs from the county's recommendation, the commissioner must, on the notice of the determination, provide the applicant or license holder with the reasons for the deviation, with specificity and in clear and plain language.

(c) If an investigation conducted under paragraph (a) does not result in evidence that the commissioner should deny an application or suspend, revoke, or make a conditional license, and the commissioner's determination differs from the county's determination, the commissioner must, on the notice of the determination, provide the applicant or license holder with the reasons for the deviation, with specificity and in clear and plain language.

SAMPLE LETTER to SUBMIT TESTIMONY

To: Mary.McNamara@house.mn

Subject: written testimony for HF 3403

Madam Chair and Members of the Subcommittee on Childcare Access and Affordability,

My name is _____ and I am a childcare provider in (write in your city/county) for ____ years. I am offering testimony in regard to HF 3403.

I support HF 3403/ I do not support HF 3403. *(You may support or oppose certain parts of the same bill. Comment about your support or opposition to specific parts of the bill here, along with your personal and professional opinions why).*

I encourage the committee to do the same.

Sincerely,

Polly Provider

Address

Email

This hearing will be live streamed, so you can tune in at 8:15am on Wed. March 14 here:

LIVE STREAM LINK <https://events.qwikcast.tv/QwikCast/QwikCastEventById?eventKey=56ec96c7-941e-4bbb-a2c4-fd790b514e1f&eventPageId=1405>

Sleep Systems of concern



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