

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD FOR CHILD CARE**

LCB File No. R174-09

December 10, 2009

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 432A.077.

A REGULATION relating to children; establishing the amount and the procedure for the imposition of certain administrative fines by the Bureau of Services for Child Care of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services upon certain persons for violating certain statutes and regulations governing child care facilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 432A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 or 4, if an inspection of a facility pursuant to NRS 432A.180 reveals that the person operating the facility is in violation of any provision of this chapter or chapter 432A of NRS, the Bureau shall issue a notice of violation.

The notice of violation must:

- (a) Be in writing and describe with particularity the nature of the violation;*
- (b) Include the time permitted to correct the violation; and*
- (c) Inform the person who operates the facility of the provisions of subsection 7.*

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the person operating the facility does not correct a violation within the time to correct the violation set forth by the Bureau in the notice of violation, the Bureau may impose an administrative fine in an amount prescribed by subsections 5 and 6.

3. *The Bureau may, without first issuing a notice of violation, impose an administrative fine in an amount prescribed by subsections 5 and 6 if:*

(a) The Bureau determines that the health or safety of any child in the facility appears to be in danger; or

(b) The violation is for operating a facility without a license and:

(1) The unlicensed operator of the facility refuses to cooperate with the Bureau's investigation or an attempt by the Bureau to license the operator of the facility; or

(2) The Bureau or an agency for the licensing of child care facilities established by a county or city has previously explained to the unlicensed operator, in a manner that is verifiable, that Nevada law requires the operator to be licensed.

4. *If the violation is for operating a facility without a license and the unlicensed operator of the facility agrees to permanently cease operation of the facility or temporarily cease operation of the facility until the operator becomes licensed, the Bureau may issue a notice of violation. If the Bureau issues such a notice of violation and a subsequent investigation reveals that the operator of a facility operated the facility without a license after the time to correct the violation set forth by the Bureau in the notice of violation, the Bureau shall impose an administrative fine in an amount prescribed by subsections 5 and 6.*

5. *Pursuant to NRS 432A.190, as amended by section 7 of Assembly Bill No. 89, chapter 233, Statutes of Nevada 2009, at page 929, the Bureau may require a person to pay an administrative fine in the amount set forth in this subsection for each violation of a provision of this chapter or chapter 432A of NRS which concerns:*

Violation

For Each

Offense

<i>Operating a facility without a license issued pursuant to NRS</i>	
<i>432A.131 to 432A.220, inclusive.....</i>	<i>\$250 plus \$10 per child cared for in the facility</i>
<i>Providing care for a greater number of children than the number of children for whom care is authorized to be provided pursuant to the license issued to the licensee.....</i>	
	<i>100 plus \$25 per child cared for in the facility beyond the limit authorized in the license</i>
<i>Providing care for children who are younger or older than the ages of the children for whom care is authorized to be provided pursuant to the license issued to the licensee.....</i>	
	<i>50</i>
<i>Operating a facility during different or more hours than the hours of operation set forth on the license issued to the licensee.....</i>	
	<i>50</i>
<i>Allowing a child to be removed from a facility in an unauthorized manner or by an unauthorized person</i>	
	<i>200</i>
<i>Operating a facility in a manner that is detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the children in the facility</i>	
	<i>100</i>
<i>Subjecting a child cared for in the facility to punishment which violates the provisions of NAC 432A.400</i>	
	<i>200</i>
<i>Lack of or inadequate supervision of a child in a facility</i>	
	<i>100</i>

Violation

For Each

Offense

Insufficient ratio of staff to children in a facility100 per each member of staff deficient pursuant to required ratio

Any other violation of a provision of this chapter or chapter

432A of NRS not specified in this subsection50

6. The Bureau may add \$200 to the amount of any administrative fine prescribed by subsection 5 if the violation of the provision of this chapter or chapter 432A of NRS resulted in an injury.

7. A person fined pursuant to this section may file notice of appeal with the Chief of the Bureau within 10 calendar days after the administrative fine is imposed. Within 20 days after the receipt of the notice of appeal, the Chief of the Bureau shall hold a hearing. Notice of the hearing must be given not less than 5 days before the date set for the hearing.

Sec. 2. NAC 432A.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432A.190 1. Inspections of any building or premises of a facility pursuant to NRS 432A.180 may be unannounced and must be made at least two times during the 12-month licensing period or once every 6 months. Any authorized member or employee of the Bureau may enter and inspect any building or premises of a facility at any time pursuant to NRS 432A.180 to secure compliance with or prevent a violation of any provision of this chapter or chapter 432A of NRS.

2. In conducting inspections and investigations, the Bureau may call upon political subdivisions and governmental agencies for assistance. The licensee or applicant shall cooperate with the person conducting the investigation by providing access to the buildings, records and staff of the facility. Failure to provide such access is a ground for revocation of a license or denial of an application for a license.

3. On confirmation of the operation of an unlicensed operator of a facility ~~[, the]~~ :

(a) The Bureau shall issue a notice of violation or impose an administrative fine, as appropriate, pursuant to section 1 of this regulation; and

(b) The Bureau or the local licensing agency shall investigate and attempt to license the operator of the facility, force discontinuance of the operation of the facility or prosecute the violation.