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## HOUSE BILL NO. 513

House Amendments in [ ] — January 31, 2002

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 63.1-196.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensure of child welfare agencies.*

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Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Marrs

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 63.1-196.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 63.1-196.1. Renewal of license.

A. Every person issued a license required by § 63.1-196 ~~which that~~ has not been suspended or revoked shall renew such license prior to its expiration. All licensed facilities shall be inspected not less than twice annually and one of those inspections shall be unannounced.

Licenses issued [ *to child-welfare agencies other than child day centers* ] under this chapter may be issued for periods of up to three successive years from the date of issuance. The Commissioner may extend or shorten the duration of licensure periods whenever, in his sole discretion, it is administratively necessary to redistribute the workload for greater efficiency in staff utilization. [ ~~However, once the Commissioner has established the duration of the licensure period, he must apply that licensure period uniformly to all licenses thereafter issued. The Commissioner may not vary the duration of licensure periods among licensees, except as may be occasioned by his revisions, from time to time, of the durations of licensure periods pursuant to this subsection~~ Licenses issued to child day centers under this chapter shall have a duration of two years from date of issuance ] .

B. The activities, services and facilities of each applicant for renewal of his license shall be subject to an inspection or examination by the Commissioner to determine if he is in compliance with current standards of the State Board or Child Day-Care Council, whichever is applicable.

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