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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Senate Bill – 373 – An Act Concerning Health and Safety in Child Care Facilities

The Department of Public Health (DPH) provides the following information regarding Senate Bill 373:

SB 373 mandates DPH to complete annual inspections of licensed child day care programs. Currently the Department does not have the resources to meet this inspection frequency. Funding for the bill has not been allocated to the Department in either the enacted budget, nor the Governor's budget and passage of this bill would result in an unfunded mandate to DPH.

Licensed family day care homes are currently inspected every three years and child day care centers and group day care homes are inspected once every two years. Current resources enable the Department to meet the inspection frequency of every third year for family day care homes and every other year for child day care centers and group day care homes.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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