

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

H.P. 937 - L.D. 1428

**An Act to Increase Access to Child Care for Maine Families**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8302-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Recreational space.** A child care facility or a family child care provider may operate without an outdoor recreational space as long as an outside public recreational space is available within a reasonable distance from the facility or provider.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4364-D** is enacted to read:

**§4364-D. Child care services in residential areas**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Child care facility" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B.

B. "Family child care provider" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph C.

**2. Location of child care.** A child care facility or a family child care provider is a permitted use in a municipal area that is zoned for residential purposes, subject to the same requirements for other residential property.