

**237A.19 Penalty.**

1. A person who establishes, conducts, manages, or operates a center without a license commits a serious misdemeanor. Each day of continuing violation after conviction, or notice from the department by certified mail of the violation, shall be considered a separate offense.

2. If registration is required under [section 237A.3A](#), a person who establishes, conducts, manages, or operates a child development home without registering or a person who operates a child development home contrary to [section 237A.5](#), commits a simple misdemeanor. Each day of continuing violation after conviction, or notice from the department by certified mail of the violation, is a separate offense. A single charge alleging continuing violation may be made in lieu of filing charges for each day of violation.

3. A person who establishes, conducts, manages, or operates a child care home in violation of [section 237A.3, subsection 2](#), or a person or program that has been prohibited by the department from involvement with child care but continues that involvement commits a simple misdemeanor. Each day of continuing violation after conviction, or notice from the department by certified mail of the violation, is a separate offense. A single charge alleging continuing violation may be made in lieu of filing charges for each day of violation.

[C77, 79, 81, §237A.19; 82 Acts, ch 1213, §5]

[85 Acts, ch 184, §2](#); [99 Acts, ch 192, §17](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1142, §19, 31](#); [2003 Acts, ch 81, §9](#)  
Referred to in [§237A.3, §237A.5](#)