

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 2929, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (H2929DE2), as follows:

1.3 Page 26, line 11, after "Equipment" insert "designed and marketed for use by children"

1.4 Page 26, line 12, after the period, insert "Equipment and play materials not designed or
1.5 marketed for use by children, including but not limited to repurposed, homemade, and
1.6 open-ended items, must be appropriate to the age and size of children, in good repair, and
1.7 used under the supervision of a program staff person. Such equipment and play materials
1.8 are not required to have manufacturer's instructions and are subject to the requirements of
1.9 this subdivision."

1.10 Page 26, after line 23, insert:

1.11 "Subd. 4. **Natural elements and materials.** (a) A license holder may provide children
1.12 with access to natural elements and materials as equipment and play materials. Natural
1.13 elements and materials and appropriate uses of natural elements and materials include, but
1.14 are not limited to:

1.15 (1) natural loose parts, such as sticks, leaves, pinecones, acorns, seeds, pods, bark, and
1.16 moss for construction, art, sensory exploration, and imaginative play;

1.17 (2) natural materials, such as dirt, mud, sand, water, ice, and snow for sensory play and
1.18 exploration;

1.19 (3) plants, flowers, seeds, vegetables, and gardening materials for science exploration
1.20 and learning;

1.21 (4) rocks, pebbles, stones, and minerals for counting, sorting, building, and art;

1.22 (5) natural areas such as gardens, prairie, forest, wetlands, and ponds for exploration
1.23 and learning; and

1.24 (6) other natural elements as appropriate to age and development of children.

2.1 (b) A program staff person must supervise a child's use of natural elements and materials
2.2 and provide guidance on safe and appropriate use. Natural elements and materials that are
2.3 a choking hazard must not be accessible to children under the age of three without direct
2.4 supervision of a program staff person.

2.5 (c) Natural elements and materials may qualify as equipment and materials from interest
2.6 areas under subdivision 6."

2.7 Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

2.8 Page 53, line 5, before "The" insert "(a)"

2.9 Page 53, after line 6, insert:

2.10 "(b) Natural elements and materials used as equipment and play materials under section
2.11 142H.14, subdivision 4; natural features used for outdoor play under section 142H.34,
2.12 subdivision 7, paragraph (h); and play materials used in outdoor settings are exempt from
2.13 being clean, as defined under section 142H.01, subdivision 12. A program staff person must
2.14 inspect natural elements and materials, natural features, and play materials used for outdoor
2.15 play for hazardous objects and other safety hazards, including animal feces, and remove or
2.16 mitigate the hazard before a child's use."

2.17 Page 58, after line 21, insert:

2.18 "(f) A child care program that includes daily or regular off-site outdoor activities in its
2.19 child care program plan may use an annual permission form for these activities. Parents
2.20 must be informed of specific destinations and any substantial changes to the general plan
2.21 outlined in the annual permission form through the child care program's regular
2.22 communication methods. The annual permission form must include the following
2.23 information:

2.24 (1) the general geographic area or areas where the off-site outdoor activities will occur;

2.25 (2) the general hours during which off-site activities may occur;

2.26 (3) the typical method of transportation; and

2.27 (4) the typical maximum distance of walks, if the method of transportation is walking."

2.28 Page 58, line 22, delete "(f)" and insert "(g)"

2.29 Page 60, line 30, after "under" insert "installed"

2.30 Page 61, after line 2, insert:

3.1 "(h) Natural features used for outdoor play that are not installed as equipment are not
3.2 subject to the requirements of paragraph (g). When a child uses natural features for outdoor
3.3 play, a program staff person must remove hazardous objects as specified in subdivision 17
3.4 and mitigate hazards whenever possible from the surrounding area where children might
3.5 fall. Natural features used for outdoor play must be appropriate to the age and size of children,
3.6 in safe condition, and used under the supervision of a program staff person."

3.7 Page 61, delete lines 3 to 5

3.8 Page 101, line 10, before "The" insert "(a)"

3.9 Page 101, after line 11, insert:

3.10 "(b) Natural features, elements, and materials used as equipment and play materials for
3.11 outdoor play under section 142I.14, subdivision 3, are exempt from being clean, as defined
3.12 under section 142I.01, subdivision 16. A caregiver must inspect natural features, elements,
3.13 and materials used for outdoor play for hazardous objects and other safety hazards, including
3.14 animal feces, and remove or mitigate the hazard before a child's use."

3.15 Page 104, line 4, after the period, insert "Equipment and play materials not designed or
3.16 marketed for use by children, including but not limited to repurposed, homemade, and
3.17 open-ended items, must be appropriate to the age and size of children, in good repair, and
3.18 used under the supervision of a caregiver. Such equipment and play materials are not required
3.19 to have manufacturer's instructions and are subject to the requirements of this subdivision."

3.20 Page 107, after line 4, insert:

3.21 "Subd. 10. **Natural elements and materials.** (a) A license holder may provide children
3.22 with access to natural elements and materials as equipment and play materials. Natural
3.23 elements and materials and appropriate uses of natural elements and materials include, but
3.24 are not limited to:

3.25 (1) natural loose parts, such as sticks, leaves, pinecones, acorns, seeds, pods, bark, and
3.26 moss for construction, art, sensory exploration, and imaginative play;

3.27 (2) natural materials, such as dirt, mud, sand, water, ice, and snow for sensory play and
3.28 exploration;

3.29 (3) plants, flowers, seeds, vegetables, and gardening materials for science exploration
3.30 and learning;

3.31 (4) rocks, pebbles, stones, and minerals for counting, sorting, building, and art;

4.1 (5) natural areas such as gardens, prairie, forest, wetlands, and ponds for exploration
4.2 and learning; and

4.3 (6) other natural elements as appropriate to age and development of children.

4.4 (b) A caregiver must supervise a child's use of natural elements and materials and provide
4.5 guidance on safe and appropriate use. Natural elements and materials that are a choking
4.6 hazard must not be accessible to children under the age of three without direct supervision
4.7 of a caregiver.

4.8 (c) Natural elements and materials may qualify as equipment and materials under
4.9 subdivisions 4, 6, 8, and 9."

4.10 Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

4.11 Amend the title accordingly