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An act relating to migrant labor housing; amending s. 381.0083, F.S.; adding required information to be provided in written notice of the intent to construct, enlarge, remodel, use, or occupy a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing or convert property for use as a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing; providing that a local government may deny initial siting of a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing under specified conditions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 381.0083, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.0083 Permit for migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing; denial of siting by local government.--

(1) Any person who is planning to construct, enlarge, remodel, use, or occupy a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing or convert property for use as a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing must give written notice to the department of the intent to do so at least 45 days before beginning such construction, enlargement, or renovation. As part of the written notice, any person who is planning to construct or convert property for use as a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing shall provide the department with documentation from the local government in which the migrant

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labor camp or residential migrant housing is to be located that

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the site of the camp or residential migrant housing has not been denied as provided in subsection (2). If the local government documentation has been provided as part of the written notification and if the department is satisfied, after causing an inspection to be made, that the camp or the residential migrant housing meets the minimum standards of construction, sanitation, equipment, and operation required by rules issued under s. 381.0086 and that the applicant has paid the application fees required by s. 381.0084, it shall issue in the name of the department the necessary permit in writing on a form to be prescribed by the department. The permit, unless sooner revoked, shall expire on September 30 next after the date of issuance, and it shall not be transferable. An application for a permit shall be filed with the department 30 days prior to operation. When there is a change in ownership of a currently permitted migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing, the new owner must file an application with the department at least 15 days before the change. In the case of a facility owned or operated by a public housing authority, an annual satisfactory sanitation inspection of the living units by the Farmers Home Administration or the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall substitute for the pre-permitting inspection required by the department.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 381.0014 and 381.0016, a local government may deny the initial siting of a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing, whether by construction or conversion of property for that use, when the

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local government determines that the selected site meets any of the following conditions:

(a) Does not conform to existing zoning regulations applicable to other multifamily uses or similar uses in the area.

- (b) Does not meet licensing criteria for a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing in this chapter or applicable rules of the department, including requirements that the safety and welfare of all persons residing in a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing be assured by the migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing.
- (c) Will result in the substantial alteration of the nature and character of the area. For the purpose of this paragraph, "substantially alter the nature and character of the area" means the location of a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing within a radius of 1,200 feet of any other migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing in a multifamily zone or within a radius of 500 feet of an area zoned as single-family. The distance requirements in this paragraph shall be measured from the nearest point of the existing migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing or from the nearest point of single-family zoning to the nearest point of the proposed migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007.