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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to applications for specified housing arrangements; amending s. 419.001, F.S.; requiring a sponsoring agency to notify the local government when a request to locate a home with six or fewer residents which otherwise meets the definition of a community residential home has been submitted; requiring the agency to provide additional information in the notification; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 419.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

419.001 Site selection of community residential homes.-

(2) Homes of six or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of a community residential home shall be deemed a single-family unit and a noncommercial, residential use for the purpose of local laws and ordinances. Homes of six or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of a community residential home shall be allowed in single-family or multifamily zoning without approval by the local government, provided that such homes shall not be located within a radius of 1,000 feet of another existing such home with six or fewer residents. At the time of application, the sponsoring agency must notify the local government that there is a request to locate a home with six or fewer residents which otherwise meets the definition of a community residential home within the jurisdictional limits of the local government. The notification

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must include the proposed home's address and Such homes with six or fewer residents shall not be required to comply with the notification provisions of this section; provided that, prior to licensure, the sponsoring agency provides the local government with the most recently published data compiled from the licensing entities that identifies all community residential homes within the jurisdictional limits of the local government in which the proposed site is to be located in order to show that no other community residential home is within a radius of 1,000 feet of the proposed home with six or fewer residents. At the time of home occupancy, the sponsoring agency must notify the local government that the home is licensed by the licensing entity.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.