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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to verification of employment 3 eligibility by a private employer; amending s. 4 448.095, F.S.; removing the option for a private 5 employer to verify a person's employment eligibility 6 using a specified federal form; removing the 7 requirement that a private employer maintain such 8 records for a specified length of time; removing the 9 authorization for certain persons and entities to request, and the requirement that a private employer 10 11 provide, documentation relating to a person's employment eligibility; providing an effective date. 12 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 Section 1. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (3) of section 448.095, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 17 18 paragraphs (e) and (f), respectively, and present paragraphs 19 (b), (e), and (g) of that section are amended to read: 20 448.095 Employment eligibility.-21 (3) PRIVATE EMPLOYERS.-22 A private employer shall verify a person's employment (b) 23 eligibility by: 24 1. using the E-Verify system; or 25 2. Requiring the person to provide the same documentation

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that is required by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services on its Employment Eligibility Verification form (Form I-9). The private employer must retain a copy of the documentation provided under this subparagraph for at least 3 years after the person's initial date of employment.

- (e) For the purpose of enforcement of this section, the following persons or entities may request, and a private employer must provide, copies of any documentation relied upon by the private employer for the verification of a person's employment eligibility, including, but not limited to, any documentation required under paragraph (b):
 - 1. The Department of Law Enforcement.
 - 2. The Attorney General.
 - 3. The state attorney.
- 4. The statewide prosecutor.

A person or entity that makes a request under this paragraph must rely upon the federal government to verify a person's employment eligibility and may not independently make a final determination as to whether a person is an unauthorized alien.

 $\underline{(f)}$ For any private employer found to have violated paragraph $\underline{(e)}$ three times within any 36 month period, the appropriate licensing agency shall permanently revoke all licenses that are held by the private employer specific to the business location where the unauthorized alien performed work.

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If the private employer does not hold a license specific to the business location where the unauthorized alien performed work, but a license is necessary to operate the private employer's business in general, the appropriate licensing agency shall permanently revoke all licenses that are held by the private employer at the private employer's primary place of business.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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