

By Senator Jones

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to licensure of family foster homes;
3 amending s. 409.175, F.S.; authorizing the transfer of
4 certain licenses; requiring the Department of Children
5 and Families to adopt rules for such transfer;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (6) of section
11 409.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential
13 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public
14 records exemption.—

15 (6)

16 (i)1. Upon determination that the applicant meets the state
17 minimum licensing requirements and has obtained a letter from a
18 community-based care lead agency which indicates that the family
19 foster home meets the criteria established by the lead agency,
20 the department shall issue a license without charge to a
21 specific person or agency at a specific location. A license may
22 be issued if all the screening materials have been timely
23 submitted; however, a license may not be issued or renewed if
24 any person at the home or agency has failed the required
25 screening. ~~The license is nontransferable.~~ A copy of the license
26 shall be displayed in a conspicuous place. Except as provided in
27 paragraph (k), the license is valid for 1 year from the date of
28 issuance, unless the license is suspended or revoked by the
29 department or is voluntarily surrendered by the licensee. The

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30 license is the property of the department.

31 2. A licensee may transfer its license to another location
32 within this state. The department shall adopt rules to
33 administer this subparagraph.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.