

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
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.; requiring the Department of
4 Children and Families to adopt rules to ensure that
5 certain licensees may amend their licenses without
6 submitting new applications and that the amended
7 license process receives priority; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (6) of section
13 409.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

17 (6)

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

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30 issuance, unless the license is suspended or revoked by the
31 department or is voluntarily surrendered by the licensee. The
32 license is the property of the department.

33 2. The department shall adopt rules to ensure that a
34 licensee who moves to another location within this state may
35 amend his or her current license without the need to submit a
36 new application for licensure and that the amended license
37 process receives priority.

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