

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  
 17 state minimum licensing requirements and has obtained a letter  
 18 from a community-based care lead agency which indicates that the  
 19 family foster home meets the criteria established by the lead  
 20 agency, 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  
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.