

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

any person at the home or agency has failed the required screening. The license is nontransferable. A copy of the license shall be displayed in a conspicuous place. Except as provided in paragraph (k), the license is valid for 1 year from the date of issuance, unless the license is suspended or revoked by the department or is voluntarily surrendered by the licensee. The license is the property of the department.

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

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