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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 streamline the  
5       licensure application process for licensed foster  
6       parents who relocate within this state; requiring such  
7       rules to include priority review of applications,  
8       expedited home studies and background checks, and  
9       recognition of prior foster parent training  
10      coursework; providing an effective date.

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

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14       Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (6) of section  
15   409.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

19       (6)

20       (i) 1. Upon determination that the applicant meets the state  
21   minimum licensing requirements and has obtained a letter from a  
22   community-based care lead agency which indicates that the family  
23   foster home meets the criteria established by the lead agency,  
24   the department shall issue a license without charge to a  
25   specific person or agency at a specific location. A license may

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26 | be issued if all the screening materials have been timely  
27 | submitted; however, a license may not be issued or renewed if  
28 | any person at the home or agency has failed the required  
29 | screening. The license is nontransferable. A copy of the license  
30 | shall be displayed in a conspicuous place. Except as provided in  
31 | paragraph (k), the license is valid for 1 year from the date of  
32 | issuance, unless the license is suspended or revoked by the  
33 | department or is voluntarily surrendered by the licensee. The  
34 | license is the property of the department.

35 |     2. The department shall adopt rules to streamline the  
36 | licensure application process for a licensed foster parent who  
37 | is in good standing and relocates within this state. These rules  
38 | must include, but are not limited to, rules concerning priority  
39 | review of applications, expedited home studies and background  
40 | checks, and recognition of prior foster parent training  
41 | coursework.

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