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**By** Representatives Roberts, Kagi, Hunt, Appleton, Chase, Wood, Kenney, and Moeller; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to foster parent licensing; and amending RCW  
2 74.15.100.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.15.100 and 2006 c 265 s 403 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Each agency shall make application for a license or renewal of  
7 license to the department of social and health services on forms  
8 prescribed by the department. A licensed agency having foster-family  
9 homes under its supervision may make application for a license on  
10 behalf of any such foster-family home. Such a foster home license  
11 shall cease to be valid when the home is no longer under the  
12 supervision of that agency. Upon receipt of such application, the  
13 department shall either grant or deny a license within ninety days  
14 unless the application is for licensure as a foster-family home, in  
15 which case RCW 74.15.040 shall govern. A license shall be granted if  
16 the agency meets the minimum requirements set forth in chapter 74.15  
17 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and the departmental requirements consistent  
18 herewith, except that an initial license may be issued as provided in  
19 RCW 74.15.120. Licenses provided for in chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW

1 74.13.031 shall be issued for a period of three years. The licensee,  
2 however, shall advise the secretary of any material change in  
3 circumstances which might constitute grounds for reclassification of  
4 license as to category. The license issued under this chapter is not  
5 transferable and applies only to the licensee (~~and the~~). The license  
6 shall be limited to a particular location which shall be stated (~~in~~)  
7 on the (~~application~~) license. For licensed foster-family homes  
8 having an acceptable history of child care, the license may remain in  
9 effect for (~~two weeks~~) thirty days after a move, except that this  
10 will apply only if the family remains intact. Licensees must notify  
11 their licensor before moving to a new location and may request a  
12 continuation of the license at the new location. At the request of the  
13 licensee, the department shall, within thirty days following a foster-  
14 family home licensee's move to a new location, amend the license to  
15 reflect the new location, provided the new location and the licensee  
16 meet minimum licensing standards.

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