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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-509, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE
AND PLACEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 8-509, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-509. Licensing of foster homes; renewal of license;
5 provisional license; exemption from licensure

6 A. The division shall license and certify foster homes. Licenses are
7 valid for a period of two years.

8 B. The division shall not issue a license without satisfactory proof
9 that the foster parent or parents have completed six actual hours of approved
10 initial foster parent training as set forth in section 8-503 and that each
11 foster parent and each other adult member of the household has a valid
12 fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to section 41-1758.07. The foster
13 parent and each other adult member of the household must certify on forms
14 that are provided by the division and that are notarized whether the foster
15 parent or other adult member of the household is awaiting trial on or has
16 ever been convicted of any of the criminal offenses listed in section
17 41-1758.07, subsections B and C in this state or similar offenses in another
18 state or jurisdiction.

19 C. The division shall not renew a license without satisfactory proof
20 that the foster parent or parents have completed six actual hours of approved
21 ongoing foster parent training per year as set forth in section 8-503.

22 D. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections B and C of this
23 section, if the division determines a condition of hardship to the foster
24 parent or parents, the division may issue a provisional license for a period
25 not to exceed six months. A provisional license may not be renewed.

26 E. Child welfare agencies that submit foster homes for licensing shall
27 conduct an investigation of the foster home pursuant to licensing rules of
28 the division. The division shall conduct investigations of all other foster
29 homes. If the foster home meets all requirements set by the division, the
30 agency shall submit an application stating the foster home's qualifications
31 to the division. The agency may also recommend the types of licensing and
32 certification to be granted to the foster home.

33 F. The division shall accept an adoptive home certification study as a
34 licensing home study if the study has been updated within the past three
35 months to include the information necessary to determine whether the home
36 meets foster care licensing standards.

37 G. This section does not apply if the child is placed in a home by a
38 means other than by court order and if the home does not receive compensation
39 from this state or any political subdivision of this state.

40 H. The division ~~does~~ MAY not prohibit a person operating a licensed
41 foster home from applying for or receiving compensation as a foster home
42 parent due to employment with this state.

43 ~~I. The division shall not require a foster parent to immunize the~~
44 ~~foster parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home~~
45 ~~licensure.~~

1 ~~J.~~ I. A licensee may modify the renewal date of a license issued
2 pursuant to this section by submitting an application for modification of
3 renewal date with the division on a form prescribed by the division. The
4 licensee must specify the new month of renewal on the application. The
5 modified renewal date must be ~~prior to~~ BEFORE, but not more than six months
6 earlier than, the existing renewal date.