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1 AN ACT Relating to operators of multiple adult family homes; and
2 amending RCW 70.128.065.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.128.065 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 3 s 203 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) A multiple facility operator must successfully demonstrate to
7 the department financial solvency and management experience for the
8 homes under its ownership and the ability to meet other relevant
9 safety, health, and operating standards pertaining to the operation of
10 multiple homes, including ways to mitigate the potential impact of
11 vehicular traffic related to the operation of the homes.

12 (2) The department shall only accept an application for licensure
13 of an additional home when:

14 (a) A period of no less than twenty-four months has passed since
15 the issuance of the initial adult family home license; and

16 (b) The department has taken no enforcement actions against the
17 applicant's currently licensed adult family homes during the twenty-
18 four months prior to application.

1 (3)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the department
2 shall only accept an additional application for licensure of other
3 adult family homes when twelve months has passed since the previous
4 adult family home license, and the department has taken no enforcement
5 actions against the applicant's currently licensed adult family homes
6 during the twelve months prior to application.

7 (b) The department shall accept applications for licensure of
8 additional adult family homes when less than twelve months have passed
9 since the previous adult family home license, if the applications are
10 due to the change in ownership of existing adult family homes that are
11 currently licensed and the department has taken no enforcement actions
12 against the applicant's currently licensed adult family homes during
13 the twelve months prior to application.

14 (4) In the event of serious noncompliance leading to the imposition
15 of one or more actions listed in RCW 70.128.160(2) for violation of
16 federal, state, or local laws, or regulations relating to provision of
17 care or services to vulnerable adults or children, the department is
18 authorized to take one or more actions listed in RCW 70.128.160(2)
19 against any home or homes operated by the provider if there is a
20 violation in the home or homes.

21 (5) In the event of serious noncompliance in a home operated by a
22 provider with multiple adult family homes, leading to the imposition of
23 one or more actions listed in RCW 70.128.160(2), the department shall
24 inspect the other homes operated by the provider to determine whether
25 the same or related deficiencies are present in those homes. The cost
26 of these additional inspections may be imposed on the provider as a
27 civil penalty up to a maximum of three hundred dollars per additional
28 inspection.

29 (6) A provider is ultimately responsible for the day-to-day
30 operations of each licensed home.

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