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By Senators Harper, King, McAuliffe, Litzow, and Nelson

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing implementation of a nonexpiring
2 license for early learning providers; and amending RCW 43.215.260.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.260 and 2006 c 265 s 307 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Each agency shall make application for a license or ((renewal
7 of)) the continuation of a full license to the department on forms
8 prescribed by the department. Upon receipt of such application, the
9 department shall either grant or deny a license or continuation of a
10 full license within ninety days. A license or continuation shall be
11 granted if the agency meets the minimum requirements set forth in this
12 chapter and the departmental requirements consistent with ((the
13 {this})) this chapter, except that an initial license may be issued as
14 provided in RCW 43.215.280. Full licenses provided for in this chapter
15 shall ((be issued for a period of three years)) continue to remain
16 valid so long as the licensee meets the requirements for a nonexpiring
17 license in subsection (2) of this section. The licensee, however,
18 shall advise the director of any material change in circumstances which
19 might constitute grounds for reclassification of license as to

1 category. The license issued under this chapter is not transferable
2 and applies only to the licensee and the location stated in the
3 application. For licensed family day care homes having an acceptable
4 history of child care, the license may remain in effect for two weeks
5 after a move.

6 (2) In order to qualify for a nonexpiring full license, a licensee
7 must meet the following requirements on an annual basis as established
8 from the date of initial licensure:

9 (a) Submit the annual licensing fee;

10 (b) Submit a declaration to the department indicating the
11 licensee's intent to continue operating a licensed child care program,
12 or the intent to cease operation on a date certain;

13 (c) Submit a declaration of compliance with all licensing rules;
14 and

15 (d) Submit background check applications on the schedule
16 established by the department.

17 (3) A licensee who fails to meet the requirements in subsection (2)
18 of this section for continuation of a full license will cause the
19 license to expire and must submit a new application for licensure under
20 this chapter.

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