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By Senators Prentice, Finkbeiner, McAuliffe, Strannigan, Goings, Bauer, Kline, Wojahn, Wood, Schow and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to registration of mobile home parks; adding a new
2 chapter to Title 18 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish
5 a registration program for mobile home parks in the state.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
7 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
8 chapter.

9 (1) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
10 economic development.

11 (2) "Director" means the director of the department of community,
12 trade, and economic development.

13 (3) "Mobile home park" has the same meaning as in RCW 59.20.030.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A mobile home park shall not operate in this
15 state without first registering with the department to do business as
16 a mobile home park on a form approved by the department.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department has the power to enforce and
2 ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter relating to the
3 registration of mobile home parks.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If the department has reasonable cause to
5 believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the department
6 may institute enforcement proceedings in its own name against any
7 mobile home park owner as follows:

8 (1) The department may issue an order requiring the owner to cease
9 and desist from the unlawful practice and take such affirmative action
10 as in the judgment of the department will carry out the purposes of
11 this chapter;

12 (2) The department may bring an action in superior court for
13 declaratory relief or injunctive relief; or

14 (3) The department may impose a civil penalty against an owner for
15 any violation of this chapter that does not exceed one thousand dollars
16 per violation. If an owner fails to pay the civil penalty, the
17 department may issue an order directing that the owner cease and desist
18 from further operation of the mobile home park until such time as the
19 civil penalty is paid or pursue enforcement of the penalty in a court
20 of competent jurisdiction. Any action commenced by the department
21 shall be brought in the county in which the department has its
22 executive offices or in the county where the violation occurred. A
23 resident or tenant living in a mobile home park or renting a home in a
24 mobile home park may institute an action in the appropriate court
25 against a mobile home park owner to enforce this chapter. In any
26 action brought to enforce this chapter the prevailing party shall be
27 awarded his or her reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this act or its
29 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
30 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
31 persons or circumstances is not affected.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall
33 constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

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