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1 AN ACT Relating to certification of resident managers of mobile
2 home parks; adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW; prescribing
3 penalties; and providing for submission of section 8 of this act to a
4 vote of the people.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish
7 a certification program for managers of mobile home parks.

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

11 (1) "Advisory council" means the advisory council on mobile home
12 park manager training and certification created in section 7 of this
13 act.

14 (2) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
15 economic development.

16 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of community,
17 trade, and economic development.

18 (4) "Mobile home park" has the same meaning as in RCW 59.20.030.

1 (5) "Mobile home park management" means those actions, functions,
2 or duties related to the management of a mobile home park.

3 (6) "Mobile home park manager" means a person who performs mobile
4 home park management duties and is required to be certified under this
5 chapter to perform mobile home park management services and includes
6 resident owners of mobile home parks who perform management duties.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) A person shall not manage a mobile home
8 park in this state for any mobile home park with more than twenty-five
9 mobile home lots until a certificate of registration certifying him or
10 her as a mobile home park manager has been issued to him or her by the
11 director in accordance with this chapter.

12 (2) A corporation, partnership, trust, association, sole
13 proprietor, or other like organization may own or operate a mobile home
14 park or engage in the business of mobile home park management without
15 being certified if it employs, retains, or contracts with certified
16 natural persons who are registered mobile home park managers subject to
17 this act.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The director shall not issue an initial
19 certificate of registration to any person to act as a mobile home park
20 manager until that person has:

21 (a) Executed a written application on a form prescribed by the
22 director, subscribed and sworn to by the applicant;

23 (b) Attended and completed a department-approved training course
24 for mobile home park managers;

25 (c) Passed an examination approved by the department which
26 demonstrates that the applicant has a fundamental knowledge of the
27 mobile home landlord-tenant act under chapter 59.20 RCW; and

28 (d) Paid to the director a fee as prescribed in section 8 of this
29 act.

30 (2) Certificates of registration are effective on the date issued
31 by the department and must be renewed annually.

32 (3) A certificate of registration may be renewed annually provided
33 the applicant provides evidence of continuing education as approved by
34 the department. This evidence must be submitted with an application to
35 renew certification. A maximum of four hours of continuing education
36 annually may be required by the department for renewal of
37 certification.

1 (4) As of the effective date of this section, mobile home park
2 managers may present a verification of having successfully completed a
3 training course conducted by a state-wide trade association of mobile
4 home parks, which will satisfy the initial training requirement for one
5 year and entitle the park manager to certification for that year.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department shall contract with a state-
7 wide trade association exclusively representing mobile home parks for
8 the delivery of training courses required by this chapter. The trade
9 association may charge a fee for delivery of the training courses. The
10 department, in consultation with the advisory council created under
11 section 7 of this act, shall approve the curriculum of the training
12 program.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The department, in consultation with the
14 advisory council created in section 7 of this act, shall administer,
15 coordinate, and enforce this chapter, develop the examination of
16 applicants, and be responsible for the granting of certificates to
17 qualified persons.

18 (2) The department is authorized to adopt rules that are necessary
19 to implement, enforce, and interpret this chapter.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) An advisory council on mobile home park
21 manager training and certification is created. The council shall
22 consist of five members as follows: Two members of the council shall
23 be residents of mobile home parks; two members shall be owners of
24 mobile home parks; and one member shall be the director or the
25 director's designee, who shall serve as chair of the council. The
26 resident members of the council shall be selected from nominees
27 submitted by mobile home owners associations. The park owner members
28 of the council shall be selected from nominees submitted by the
29 manufactured housing communities of Washington. The director shall
30 appoint the members for terms of two years.

31 (2) Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but
32 are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided
33 in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

34 (3) The functions of the advisory council are to:

35 (a) Review, evaluate, and advise the department concerning
36 revisions and adoption of rules affecting certification of mobile home

1 park managers and the fees to be charged under section 8 of this act;
2 and

3 (b) Develop, review, revise, and approve, in consultation with the
4 department, the program for certification of mobile home park managers.

5 (4) The advisory council shall meet at the call of its chair, at
6 the request of a majority of its membership, at the request of the
7 department, or at times prescribed by rule.

8 (5) The department shall provide adequate staff support to the
9 advisory council to assist it in fulfilling its duties.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The department, by rule, shall set and
11 charge fees for the application, issuance, and renewal of certificates
12 of registration.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A violation of this chapter is a class 1
14 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The secretary of state shall submit section
16 8 of this act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or
17 rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state, in
18 accordance with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the
19 laws adopted to facilitate its operation.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** If any provision of this act or its
21 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
22 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
23 persons or circumstances is not affected.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Sections 1 through 11 of this act
25 constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

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