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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 an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (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 fifteen
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 in the direct provision of the entities engaging in the
18 business of mobile home park management.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 annually may be required by the department for renewal of
2 certification.

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

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

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

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

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) There is created an advisory council on
23 mobile home park manager training and certification. The council shall
24 consist of four members as follows: Two members of the council shall
25 be residents of mobile home parks and two members shall be owners of
26 mobile home parks. The resident members of the council shall be
27 selected from nominees submitted by the mobile home owners of America.
28 The park owner members of the council shall be selected from nominees
29 submitted by the manufactured housing communities of Washington. The
30 director shall appoint the members for terms of two years. The
31 advisory council shall select a chair from its members for a two-year
32 term.

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

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

1 (a) Review, evaluate, and advise the department concerning
2 revisions and adoption of rules affecting certification of mobile home
3 park managers and the fees to be charged under section 8 of this act;
4 and

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

7 (4) The advisory council shall meet at the call of its chair, at
8 the request of a majority of its membership, at the request of the
9 department, or at such times as are prescribed by rule.

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

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

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

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect
18 July 1, 2000.

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

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

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