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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (6) "Mobile home park manager" means a person who performs mobile
23 home park management duties and is required to be certified under this
24 chapter to perform mobile home park management services and does not
25 include resident owners of mobile home parks who perform management
26 duties.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) A person will not manage a mobile home
28 park in this state for any mobile home park with more than twenty-five
29 mobile home lots until a certificate of registration certifying him or
30 her as a mobile home park manager has been issued to him or her by the
31 director in accordance with this chapter, except that a person
32 initially employed as a park manager after the effective date of this
33 section may be employed in that capacity for no more than one hundred
34 eighty days following commencement of employment. At the end of that

1 ninety-day period, the park manager must have attained certification in
2 accordance with this chapter or immediately cease their employment.

3 (2) A corporation, partnership, trust, association, sole
4 proprietor, or other like organization may own or operate a mobile home
5 park or engage in the business of mobile home park management without
6 being certified if it employs, retains, or contracts with certified
7 natural persons who are registered mobile home park managers subject to
8 this chapter.

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

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

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

16 (c) Passed an examination approved by the department which
17 demonstrates that the applicant has a fundamental knowledge of the
18 manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act under chapter 59.20 RCW;
19 and

20 (d) Paid to the director a fee authorized in section 8 of this act.

21 (2) Certificates of registration are effective on the date issued
22 by the department and must be renewed every two years.

23 (3) A certificate of registration may be renewed annually provided
24 the applicant provides evidence of continuing education as approved by
25 the department. This evidence must be submitted with an application to
26 renew certification. A maximum of eight hours of continuing education
27 biennially may be required by the department for renewal of
28 certification.

29 (4) As of the effective date of this section, mobile home park
30 managers may present a verification of having successfully completed a
31 training course conducted by a statewide trade association of mobile
32 home park owners, which will satisfy the initial training requirement
33 for one year and entitle the park manager to certification for that
34 year.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department will contract with a
36 statewide trade association exclusively representing mobile home park
37 owners for the delivery of training courses required by this chapter.

1 Training courses shall be made available within ninety days after the
2 effective date of this section. The trade association may charge a fee
3 for delivery of the training courses. The department, in consultation
4 with the advisory council, will approve the curriculum of the training
5 program.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The department, in consultation with the
7 advisory council, will administer, coordinate, and enforce this
8 chapter, develop the examination of applicants, and be responsible for
9 the granting of certificates to qualified persons.

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

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) There is created an advisory council on
13 mobile home park manager training and certification. The council
14 consists of five members as follows: Two members of the council must
15 be residents of mobile home parks; two members must be owners of mobile
16 home parks; and one member must be the director or the director's
17 designee, who serves as the chair of the council and is a nonvoting
18 member. The resident members of the council must be selected from
19 nominees submitted by organizations that represent mobile home owners.
20 The park owner members of the council must be selected from nominees
21 submitted by the manufacturing housing communities of Washington. The
22 director will appoint the members for terms of two years.

23 (2) Members of the council will serve without compensation but are
24 entitled to receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in
25 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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

27 (a) Review, evaluate, and advise the department concerning
28 revisions and adoption of rules affecting certification of mobile home
29 park managers and the fees to be charged under section 8 of this act;
30 and

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

33 (4) The advisory council will meet at the call of its chair, at the
34 request of a majority of its membership, at the request of the
35 department, or at such times as are prescribed by rule.

36 (5) The department will provide adequate staff support to the
37 advisory council to assist it in fulfilling its duties.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The department may charge reasonable fees
2 for services under this chapter that include, but are not limited to,
3 the initial application fee, an application renewal fee, and fees for
4 manager certification training costs. These fees are not intended to
5 exceed the cost of providing the service under this chapter.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect
7 January 1, 2003.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** If any provision of this act or its
9 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
10 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
11 persons or circumstances is not affected.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 1 through 10 of this act
13 constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW."

14 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The striking amendment: (1) Exempts a resident owner-
manager from the certification process; (2) extends the date that a
person initially employed as a park manager must obtain their
certification from 90 days to 180 days after the certification process
becomes required; and (3) removes the \$35,000 general fund-state
appropriation.

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