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By House Committee on Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunn, Fromhold, Ogden, Hurst and O'Brien)

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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; making an
3 appropriation; 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 does not
6 include resident owners of mobile home parks who perform management
7 duties.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) A person will not manage a mobile home
9 park in this state for any mobile home park with more than twenty-five
10 mobile home lots until a certificate of registration certifying him or
11 her as a mobile home park manager has been issued to him or her by the
12 director in accordance with this chapter, except that a person
13 initially employed as a park manager after the effective date of this
14 act may be employed in that capacity for no more than ninety
15 consecutive days following commencement of employment. At the end of
16 that ninety-day period the park manager must have attained
17 certification in accordance with this chapter or immediately cease
18 their employment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (3) A certificate of registration may be renewed annually provided
4 the applicant provides evidence of continuing education as approved by
5 the department. This evidence must be submitted with an application to
6 renew certification. A maximum of eight hours of continuing education
7 biennially may be required by the department for renewal of
8 certification.

9 (4) As of the effective date of this section, mobile home park
10 managers may present a verification of having successfully completed a
11 training course conducted by a statewide trade association of mobile
12 home park owners, which will satisfy the initial training requirement
13 for one year and entitle the park manager to certification for that
14 year.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department will contract with a
16 statewide trade association exclusively representing mobile home park
17 owners for the delivery of training courses required by this chapter.
18 Training courses shall be made available within ninety days after the
19 effective date of this section. The trade association may charge a fee
20 for delivery of the training courses. The department, in consultation
21 with the advisory council, will approve the curriculum of the training
22 program.

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

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

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) There is created an advisory council on
30 mobile home park manager training and certification. The council
31 consists of five members as follows: Two members of the council must
32 be residents of mobile home parks; two members must be owners of mobile
33 home parks; and one member must be the director or the director's
34 designee, who serves as the chair of the council and is a nonvoting
35 member. The resident members of the council must be selected from
36 nominees submitted by organizations that represent mobile home owners.

1 The park owner members of the council must be selected from nominees
2 submitted by the manufacturing housing communities of Washington. The
3 director will appoint the members for terms of two years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, or
31 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
32 year ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the department of
33 community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this
34 act.

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

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