
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5703

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions
(originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to alterations of mobile homes; and creating new
2 sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The labor, commerce, and financial
5 institutions committee of the senate shall conduct a study of the
6 problems of owners of mobile/manufactured homes in connection with
7 obtaining the necessary permits for repair, remodel, maintenance, and
8 alteration of their homes. The committee shall enlist the assistance
9 of mobile/manufactured homeowners, mobile/manufactured home mortgage
10 lenders, the department of labor and industries, and other state or
11 local government agencies as needed.

12 The study shall address the following issues:

13 (1) The fact that many mobile/manufactured homeowners have
14 performed alterations or repairs to their homes without obtaining the
15 required permits with the result that potential buyers may be unable to
16 obtain mortgage financing from the usual sources;

17 (2) The costs associated with obtaining required permits,
18 particularly on those occasions when an engineering analysis is
19 required;

1 (3) The possibility of reducing the number and type of repairs and
2 alterations that require a permit, consistent with public health and
3 safety considerations;

4 (4) The appropriateness of the current legal sanction for not
5 obtaining a permit when required, which is that the home may not be
6 sold;

7 (5) Any methods, procedures, or changes in the law that can assist
8 mobile/manufactured homeowners in the proper and economical maintenance
9 and improvement of their homes, and the protection of their equity.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The committee shall complete the study and
11 develop any recommended legislation prior to the beginning of the 2002
12 legislative session.

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