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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5703**

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**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 amending RCW  
2 43.22.360.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.22.360 and 1999 c 22 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Plans and specifications of each model or production prototype  
7 of a mobile home, commercial coach, conversion vending units, medical  
8 units, recreational vehicle, and/or park trailer showing body and frame  
9 design, construction, plumbing, heating and electrical specifications  
10 and data shall be submitted to the department of labor and industries  
11 for approval and recommendations with respect to compliance with the  
12 rules and standards of each of such agencies. When plans have been  
13 submitted and approved as required, no changes or alterations shall be  
14 made to body and frame design, construction, plumbing, heating or  
15 electrical installations or specifications shown thereon in any mobile  
16 home, commercial coach, conversion vending units, medical units,  
17 recreational vehicle, or park trailer without prior written approval of  
18 the department of labor and industries.

1 (2) The director may adopt rules that provide for approval of a  
2 plan that is certified as meeting state requirements or the equivalent  
3 by a professional who is licensed or certified in a state whose  
4 licensure or certification requirements meet or exceed Washington  
5 requirements.

6 (3) The following shall not be considered an alteration of a mobile  
7 home for the purposes of this section if performed by an owner or  
8 registered contractor following the initial sale of the mobile home:

9 (a) Auxiliary structures such as storage sheds, car ports, awnings,  
10 porches, or stairs that are independently supported, even though they  
11 contact the mobile home at one or more points;

12 (b) Alterations or repairs to electrical or plumbing systems or  
13 appliances that are performed by a contractor licensed under chapter  
14 19.28 RCW, or who holds a certificate issued under chapter 18.106 RCW,  
15 and is promptly approved upon completion by a local building official  
16 who enforces the codes adopted under chapter 19.27 RCW;

17 (c) The application of paint or other coating to the exterior or  
18 interior of the mobile home intended to protect the surface, exclude  
19 water, or maintain or improve the appearance of the mobile home;

20 (d) Repairs to the roof, siding, or other exterior systems where  
21 the material used in the repair or replacement is the same or  
22 comparable to the original in performance and weight, does not alter  
23 any structural system of the mobile home, and the work is done by the  
24 owner or a registered contractor; and

25 (e) Any other repair, replacement, or installation that would not  
26 require a permit from a local building official if the same repair or  
27 replacement was performed on a residence other than a mobile home.

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