

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1329

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying monetary penalties imposed for infractions relating to mobile and manufactured home installation.

Sponsors: Representatives McCabe, Sells and Young; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards
Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor & Sports

Background:

A certified installer must supervise the installation of a mobile or manufactured home. The certified installer ensures compliance with the manufacturer's instructions and supervises all necessary on-site installation work, including the construction of the foundation system and the installation of the support piers. A certified installer need not supervise a homeowner performing work on the homeowner's residence or certain specified activities, such as site preparation and carpet installation. By rule, a certified installer must purchase an installer certification tag identifying the installer, attach the tag to the mobile or manufactured home on which the installer works, and submit monthly reports to the Department of Labor and Industries (Department).

The Department trains, or approves other providers to train, and certifies mobile and manufactured home installers. An applicant for certification must have prior experience, attend a 10-hour training course, pass an examination, and pay program fees.

The Department ensures compliance with installation requirements by inspecting sites and auditing reports. The Department may issue a notice of infraction for specified violations, including:

- installing a mobile or manufactured home without certification or proper supervision;
- failing to attach an installer certification tag after performing work; and
- transferring an installer certification tag to an uncertified installer.

Each worksite at which, and each day on which, a violation occurs constitutes a separate infraction, and the Department is required to impose a \$1,000 penalty for each notice of infraction. An administrative law judge may waive, reduce, or suspend the penalty.

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Summary:

The monetary penalty for violating the mobile and manufactured home installation requirements is changed from a mandatory \$1,000 penalty per infraction to a discretionary penalty. The Department must set a penalty schedule through rulemaking of not more than \$250 for a first infraction and not more than \$1,000 for subsequent infractions.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	49	0

Effective: July 23, 2017