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1 AN ACT Relating to mobile or manufactured home installation;
2 amending RCW 43.63B.010, 43.63B.060, and 18.106.150; and adding new
3 sections to chapter 43.63B RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.63B.010 and 1994 c 284 s 15 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9 (1) "Authorized representative" means an employee of a state
10 agency, city, or county acting on behalf of the department.

11 (2) "Certified manufactured home installer" means a person who is
12 in the business of installing mobile or manufactured homes and who has
13 been issued a certificate by the department as provided in this
14 chapter.

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

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

1 (5) "Manufactured home" means a single-family dwelling built in
2 accordance with the department of housing and urban development
3 manufactured home construction and safety standards act, which is a
4 national, preemptive building code.

5 (6) "Mobile or manufactured home installation" means all on-site
6 work necessary for the installation of a manufactured home, including:

7 (a) Construction of the foundation system;

8 (b) Installation of the support piers;

9 (c) Required connection to foundation system and support piers;

10 (d) Skirting;

11 (e) Connections to and detailed assembly of the on-site water,
12 drainpipe, and sewer systems that are necessary for the normal
13 operation of the home; and

14 (f) Extension of the pressure relief valve for the water heater.

15 (7) "Manufactured home standards" means the manufactured home
16 construction and safety standards as promulgated by the United States
17 department of housing and urban development (HUD).

18 (8) "Mobile home" means a factory-built dwelling built prior to
19 June 15, 1976, to standards other than the HUD code, and acceptable
20 under applicable state codes in effect at the time of construction or
21 introduction of the home into the state. Mobile homes have not been
22 built since introduction of the HUD manufactured home construction and
23 safety standards act.

24 (9) "Training course" means the education program administered by
25 the department or the education course administered by an educational
26 provider, approved by the department as a prerequisite to taking the
27 examination for certification.

28 (10) "Approved educational provider" means an organization approved
29 by the department to provide education, training, and certification of
30 manufactured home installers.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.63B RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 The department shall adopt rules to establish and administer a
34 process of approving educational providers as an alternative to the
35 department training course.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.63B.060 and 1994 c 284 s 20 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 Any local government mobile or manufactured home installation
2 application and permit shall state the name and registration number of
3 the contractor or licensed manufactured home dealer or the
4 certification identification number of the certified manufactured home
5 installer supervising such installation. A local government may not
6 issue (~~(a permit to install)~~) final approval for the installation of a
7 manufactured home unless: (1) The installer submits a copy of the
8 certificate of manufactured home installation to the local government;
9 or (2) work is being performed that does not require a certified
10 installer. When work must be performed by a certified manufactured
11 home installer, no work may commence until the installer or the
12 installer's agent has posted or otherwise made available, with the
13 inspection record card at the set-up site, a copy of the certified
14 manufactured home installer's certificate of manufactured home
15 installation.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.63B RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The department shall, by January 1, 1997, prepare a written
19 training course and examination to be administered, at no cost to the
20 local government, to all applicants for manufactured home inspector
21 certification.

22 After January 1, 1998, a local government building inspector shall
23 not inspect a manufactured home installation unless certified by the
24 department.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 43.63B RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) Mobile and manufactured home drainpipe systems may be installed
28 by a certified manufactured home installer, a certified plumber, or the
29 home owner, when water, drainpipe, and sewer systems are shipped by the
30 manufacturer:

31 (a) Complete and ready to be connected;

32 (b) Loose in one or more preassembled sections, requiring only
33 limited assembly with the use of couplings; or

34 (c) Loose with assembly instructions, an inventory, and identified
35 parts but with no preassembled sections, requiring detailed assembly of
36 the drainpipe, fittings, supports, and cement.

1 (2) Certified manufactured home installers are exempt from the
2 plumber certification requirements under chapter 18.106 RCW, but only
3 when they are connecting, installing, and assembling on-site water,
4 drainpipe, and sewer systems that are necessary for the normal
5 operation of the home.

6 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.106.150 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 175 s 15 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require that a
9 person obtain a license or a certified plumber in order to do plumbing
10 work at his residence or farm or place of business or on other property
11 owned by him. Any person performing plumbing work on a farm may do so
12 without having a current certificate of competency or apprentice
13 permit: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That nothing in this chapter shall be
14 intended to derogate from or dispense with the requirements of any
15 valid plumbing code enacted by a political subdivision of the state,
16 except that no code shall require the holder of a certificate of
17 competency to demonstrate any additional proof of competency or obtain
18 any other license or pay any fee in order to engage in the trade of
19 plumbing: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That this chapter shall not apply to
20 common carriers subject to Part I of the Interstate Commerce Act, nor
21 to their officers and employees: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in
22 this chapter shall be construed to apply to any farm, business,
23 industrial plant, or corporation doing plumbing work on premises it
24 owns or operates: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in this chapter
25 shall be construed to restrict the right of any householder to assist
26 or receive assistance from a friend, neighbor, relative or other person
27 when none of the individuals doing such plumbing hold themselves out as
28 engaged in the trade or business of plumbing.

29 (2) Certified manufactured home installers are exempt from the
30 plumber certification requirements under this chapter, but only when
31 they are connecting, installing, and assembling on-site water,
32 drainpipe, and sewer systems that are necessary for the normal
33 operation of the home.

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