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CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6380** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

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**Secretary**

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**By** Senators Winsley, Prentice, Hale, Oke, Patterson and Goings; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

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1            AN ACT Relating to mobile home relocation assistance; amending RCW  
2 59.21.010, 59.21.021, 59.21.025, 59.21.040, 59.21.050, 43.63B.010, and  
3 4363B.060; adding a new section to chapter 43.63B RCW; and repealing  
4 RCW 59.21.015.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 59.21.010 and 1995 c 122 s 3 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

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

10           (1) "Director" means the director of the department of community,  
11 trade, and economic development.

12           (2) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and  
13 economic development.

14           (3) "Fund" means the mobile home park relocation fund established  
15 under RCW 59.21.050.

16           (4) "Mobile home park" or "park" means real property that is rented  
17 or held out for rent to others for the placement of two or more mobile  
18 homes for the primary purpose of production of income, except where the

1 real property is rented or held out for rent for seasonal recreational  
2 purpose only and is not intended for year-round occupancy.

3 (5) "Landlord" or "park-owner" means the owner of the mobile home  
4 park that is being closed at the time relocation assistance is  
5 provided.

6 (6) "Relocate" means to remove the mobile home from the mobile home  
7 park being closed.

8 (7) "Relocation assistance" means the monetary assistance provided  
9 under ((RCW 59.21.020)) this chapter.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 59.21.021 and 1995 c 122 s 5 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 (1) If a mobile home park is closed or converted to another use  
13 after December 31, 1995, eligible tenants shall be entitled to  
14 assistance on a first-come, first-serve basis. Payments shall be made  
15 upon the department's verification of eligibility, subject to the  
16 availability of remaining funds (~~remaining after the distribution~~  
17 ~~under RCW 59.21.015~~)).

18 (2) Assistance for closures occurring after December 31, 1995, is  
19 limited to persons who maintain ownership of and relocate their mobile  
20 home.

21 (3) (~~Except under subsection (4) of this section, assistance shall~~  
22 ~~be subject to the levels set forth in RCW 59.21.015(2).~~) Persons who  
23 maintained ownership of and relocated their mobile homes are entitled  
24 to up to seven thousand dollars for a double-wide home and up to three  
25 thousand five hundred dollars for a single-wide home.

26 (4) Any organization may apply to receive funds from the mobile  
27 home park relocation fund, for use in combination with funds from  
28 public or private sources, toward relocation of tenants eligible under  
29 this section. Funds received from the mobile home park relocation fund  
30 shall only be used for relocation assistance.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 59.21.025 and 1995 c 122 s 6 are each amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 (1) If financial assistance for relocation is obtained from sources  
34 other than the mobile home park relocation fund established under this  
35 chapter, then the relocation assistance provided to any person under  
36 this chapter shall be reduced as necessary to ensure that no person  
37 receives from all sources combined more than: ((+1)) (a) That

1 person's actual cost of relocation; or (~~((2) the amounts provided under~~  
2 ~~RCW 59.21.015(3), whichever applies))~~ (b) seven thousand dollars for a  
3 double-wide mobile home and three thousand five hundred dollars for a  
4 single-wide mobile home.

5 (2) When a person receives financial assistance for relocation from  
6 a source other than the mobile home park relocation assistance fund,  
7 then the assistance received from the fund will be the difference  
8 between the maximum amount to which a person is entitled under RCW  
9 59.21.021(3) and the amount of assistance received from the outside  
10 source.

11 (3) If the amount of assistance received from an outside source  
12 exceeds the maximum amounts of assistance to which a person is entitled  
13 under RCW 59.21.021(3), then that person will not receive any  
14 assistance from the mobile home park relocation assistance fund.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 59.21.040 and 1995 c 122 s 8 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 A tenant is not entitled to relocation assistance under this  
18 chapter if: (1) The tenant has given notice to the landlord of his or  
19 her intent to vacate the park and terminate the tenancy before any  
20 written notice of closure pursuant to RCW 59.20.080(1)(e) has been  
21 given(~~((or))~~); (2) the tenant purchased a mobile home already situated  
22 in the park or moved a mobile home into the park after a written notice  
23 of closure pursuant to RCW 59.20.090 has been given and the person  
24 received actual prior notice of the change or closure; or (3) the  
25 tenant receives assistance from an outside source that exceeds the  
26 maximum amounts of assistance to which a person is entitled under RCW  
27 59.21.021(3). However, no tenant may be denied relocation assistance  
28 under subsection (1) of this section if the tenant has remained on the  
29 premises and continued paying rent for a period of (~~(as {at})~~) at least  
30 six months after giving notice of intent to vacate and before receiving  
31 formal notice of a closure or change of use.

32 **Sec. 5.** RCW 59.21.050 and 1995 c 122 s 9 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 (1) The existence of the mobile home park relocation fund in the  
35 custody of the state treasurer is affirmed. Expenditures from the fund  
36 may be used only for relocation assistance awarded under (~~(RCW~~  
37 ~~59.21.015 through 59.21.025)) this chapter. Only the director or the~~

1 director's designee may authorize expenditures from the fund. All  
2 relocation payments to tenants shall be made from the fund. The fund  
3 is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
4 appropriation is required for expenditures.

5 (2) A park tenant is eligible for assistance under ((RCW  
6 59.21.015)) this chapter only after an application is submitted by that  
7 tenant or an organization acting on the tenant's account under RCW  
8 59.21.021(4) on a form approved by the director which shall include:

9 (a) For those persons who maintained ownership of and relocated  
10 their homes: (i) A copy of the notice from the park-owner, or other  
11 adequate proof, that the tenancy is terminated due to closure of the  
12 park or its conversion to another use; (ii) a copy of the rental  
13 agreement then in force, or other proof that the applicant was a tenant  
14 at the time of notice of closure; (iii) a copy of the contract for  
15 relocating the home which includes the date of relocation, or other  
16 proof of actual relocation expenses incurred on a date certain; and  
17 (iv) a statement of any other available assistance;

18 (b) For those persons who sold their homes and incurred no  
19 relocation expenses: (i) A copy of the notice from the park-owner, or  
20 other adequate proof, that the tenancy is terminated due to closure of  
21 the park or its conversion to another use; (ii) a copy of the rental  
22 agreement then in force, or other proof that the applicant was a tenant  
23 at the time of notice of closure; and (iii) a copy of the record of  
24 title transfer issued by the department of licensing when the tenant  
25 sold the home rather than relocate it due to park closure or  
26 conversion.

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

29 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
30 this section apply throughout this chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (a) Construction of the foundation system;

10 (b) Installation of the support piers and earthquake resistant  
11 bracing system;

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

13 (d) Skirting;

14 (e) Connections to the on-site water and sewer systems that are  
15 necessary for the normal operation of the home; and

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

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

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

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

30 (10) "Approved educational provider" means an organization approved  
31 by the department to provide education and training of manufactured  
32 home installers and local inspectors.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 43.63B RCW  
34 to read as follows:

35 The department shall adopt rules to establish and administer a  
36 process of approving educational providers as an alternative to the  
37 department training course for installers and local inspectors.

1       **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.63B.060 and 1994 c 284 s 20 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

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

19       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** RCW 59.21.015 and 1995 c 122 s 4 are each  
20 repealed.

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