

2 **HB 1378** - S AMD TO CTHF COMM AMD (S-2578.1/99) - 320
3 By Senators Winsley, Benton, Hale, Shin, Prentice, T. Sheldon and
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6 On page 21, line 14 of the amendment, strike "This act is" and
7 insert "Sections 1 through 20 of this act are"

8 On page 21, line 16 of the amendment, strike "takes" and insert
9 "take"

10 On page 21, after line 17 of the amendment, insert the following:

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** The purpose of this chapter is to
12 establish a certification program for managers of mobile home parks.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** Unless the context clearly requires
14 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
15 chapter.

16 (1) "Advisory council" means the advisory council on mobile home
17 park manager training and certification created in section 28 of this
18 act.

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

21 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of community,
22 trade, and economic development.

23 (4) "Mobile home park" has the same meaning as in RCW 59.20.030.

24 (5) "Mobile home park management" means those actions, functions,
25 or duties related to the management of a mobile home park.

26 (6) "Mobile home park manager" means a person who performs mobile
27 home park management duties and is required to be certified under this
28 chapter to perform mobile home park management services and includes
29 resident owners of mobile home parks who perform management duties.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** (1) A person shall not manage a mobile home
31 park in this state for any mobile home park with more than twenty-five
32 mobile home lots until a certificate of registration certifying him or

1 her as a mobile home park manager has been issued to him or her by the
2 director in accordance with this chapter.

3 (2) A corporation, partnership, trust, association, sole
4 proprietor, or other like organization may engage in the business of
5 mobile home park management without being certified if it employs,
6 retains, or contracts with certified natural persons who are registered
7 mobile home park managers subject to this act in the direct supervision
8 of the entities engaging in the business of mobile home park
9 management.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. (1) The director shall not issue an initial
11 certificate of registration to any person to act as a mobile home park
12 manager until that person has:

13 (a) Executed a written application on a form prescribed by the
14 director, subscribed and sworn to by the applicant;

15 (b) Attended and completed a department-approved training course
16 for mobile home park managers;

17 (c) Passed an examination approved by the department which
18 demonstrates that the applicant has a fundamental knowledge of the
19 mobile home landlord-tenant act under chapter 59.20 RCW; and

20 (d) Paid to the director a fee as prescribed in section 29 of this
21 act.

22 (2) Certificates of registration are effective on the date issued
23 by the department and must be renewed annually.

24 (3) A certificate of registration may be renewed annually provided
25 the applicant provides evidence of continuing education as approved by
26 the department. This evidence must be submitted with an application to
27 renew certification. A maximum of four hours of continuing education
28 annually may be required by the department for renewal of
29 certification.

30 (4) As of the effective date of this section, mobile home park
31 managers may present a verification of having successfully completed a
32 training course conducted by a state-wide trade association of mobile
33 home parks, which will satisfy the initial training requirement for one
34 year and entitle the park manager to certification for that year.

35 NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. The department shall contract with a state-
36 wide trade association exclusively representing mobile home park owners
37 for the delivery of training courses required by this chapter. The

1 trade association may charge a fee for delivery of the training
2 courses. The department, in consultation with the advisory council
3 created under section 28 of this act, shall approve the curriculum of
4 the training program.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** (1) The department, in consultation with
6 the advisory council created in section 28 of this act, shall
7 administer, coordinate, and enforce this chapter, develop the
8 examination of applicants, and be responsible for the granting of
9 certificates to qualified persons.

10 (2) The department is authorized to adopt rules that are necessary
11 to implement, enforce, and interpret this chapter.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 28.** (1) There is created an advisory council on
13 mobile home park manager training and certification. The council shall
14 consist of four members as follows: Two members of the council shall
15 be residents of mobile home parks and two members shall be owners of
16 mobile home parks. The resident members of the council shall be
17 selected from nominees submitted by the mobile home owners of America.
18 The park owner members of the council shall be selected from nominees
19 submitted by the manufactured housing communities of Washington. The
20 director shall appoint the members for terms of two years. The
21 advisory council shall select a chair from its members for a two-year
22 term.

23 (2) Members of the council shall serve without compensation but are
24 entitled to receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in
25 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

26 (3) The functions of the advisory council are to:

27 (a) Review, evaluate, and advise the department concerning
28 revisions and adoption of rules affecting certification of mobile home
29 park managers and the fees to be charged under section 29 of this act;
30 and

31 (b) Develop, review, revise, and approve, in consultation with the
32 department, the program for certification of mobile home park managers.

33 (4) The advisory council shall meet at the call of its chair, at
34 the request of a majority of its membership, at the request of the
35 department, or at such times as are prescribed by rule.

36 (5) The department shall provide adequate staff support to the
37 advisory council to assist it in fulfilling its duties.

