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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish
8 a certification program for managers of mobile home parks.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
10 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
11 chapter.

12 (1) "Advisory council" means the advisory council on mobile home
13 park manager training and certification created in section 7 of this
14 act.

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

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

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

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

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

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) A person shall not manage a mobile home
27 park in this state for any mobile home park with more than fifteen
28 mobile home lots until a certificate of registration certifying him or
29 her as a mobile home park manager has been issued to him or her by the
30 director in accordance with this chapter.

31 (2) A corporation, partnership, trust, association, sole
32 proprietor, or other like organization may own or operate a mobile home
33 park or engage in the business of mobile home park management without
34 being certified if it employs, retains, or contracts with certified

1 natural persons who are registered mobile home park managers subject to
2 this act in the direct provision of the entities engaging in the
3 business of mobile home park management.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The director shall not issue an initial
5 certificate of registration to any person to act as a mobile home park
6 manager until that person has:

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

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

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

14 (d) Paid to the director a fee as prescribed in section 8 of this
15 act.

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

18 (3) A certificate of registration may be renewed annually provided
19 the applicant provides evidence of continuing education as approved by
20 the department. This evidence must be submitted with an application to
21 renew certification. A maximum of four hours of continuing education
22 annually may be required by the department for renewal of
23 certification.

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

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department shall contract with a state-
30 wide trade association exclusively representing mobile home parks for
31 the delivery of training courses required by this chapter. The trade
32 association may charge a fee for delivery of the training courses. The
33 department, in consultation with the advisory council created under
34 section 7 of this act, shall approve the curriculum of the training
35 program.

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

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) There is created an advisory council on
9 mobile home park manager training and certification. The council shall
10 consist of four members as follows: Two members of the council shall
11 be residents of mobile home parks and two members shall be owners of
12 mobile home parks. The resident members of the council shall be
13 selected from nominees submitted by the mobile home owners of America.
14 The park owner members of the council shall be selected from nominees
15 submitted by the manufactured housing communities of Washington. The
16 director shall appoint the members for terms of two years. The
17 advisory council shall select a chair from its members for a two-year
18 term.

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

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

23 (a) Review, evaluate, and advise the department concerning
24 revisions and adoption of rules affecting certification of mobile home
25 park managers and the fees to be charged under section 8 of this act;
26 and

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

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

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

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The department shall charge fees for the
35 application, issuance, and renewal of certificates of registration.
36 The department shall set fees by rule.

