

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# SENATE BILL NO. 317

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Insurance and Housing, February 8, 2001, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 700.015, 700.025, 700.045, 700.050, 700.090 and 700.100, RSMo 2000, relating to manufactured housing, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 700.015, 700.025, 700.045, 700.050, 700.090 and 700.100, RSMo 2000, are repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 700.015, 700.025, 700.045, 700.050, 700.090 and 700.100, to read as follows:

700.015. 1. No person shall rent, lease, sell or offer for sale any **new** manufactured home manufactured after January 1, 1974, unless such manufactured home complies with the code and bears the proper seal.

2. No person shall manufacture in this state any manufactured home or modular unit for rent, lease or sale within the state which does not bear a seal evidencing compliance with the code.

3. Unless otherwise required by federal law or regulations, nothing in sections 700.010 to 700.115 shall apply to a manufactured home or modular unit being built expressly for export and sold for use solely outside this state.

4. No person shall offer for rent, lease or sale a **new** modular unit **or a unit used for educational purposes** manufactured after January 1, 1974, unless such modular unit complies with the code and bears a seal issued by the commission evidencing compliance with the code.

5. No manufacturer shall sell or offer for sale within this state:

(1) Any new recreational vehicle that is not manufactured in compliance with the American

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

National Standards Institute (ANSI) A119.2 Standard on Recreational Vehicles; or

(2) Any new recreational park trailer that is not manufactured in compliance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A119.5 Standard on Recreational Park Trailers.

700.025. No [person] **dealer, manufacturer or their representative** shall alter or cause to be altered any **new** manufactured home or modular unit **or used modular unit used for educational purposes** to which a seal has been affixed, if such alteration or conversion causes the manufactured home or modular unit to be in violation of the code.

700.045. It shall be a misdemeanor:

(1) For a manufacturer or dealer to manufacture, rent, lease, sell or offer to sell any manufactured home or modular unit after January 1, 1977, unless there is in effect a registration with the commission;

(2) To rent, lease, sell or offer to sell any **new** manufactured home or **new** modular unit **or used modular unit used for educational purposes** manufactured after January 1, 1974, which does not bear a seal as required by sections 700.010 to 700.115;

(3) To affix a seal or cause a seal to be affixed to any manufactured home or modular unit which does not comply with the code;

(4) To alter a manufactured home or modular unit in a manner prohibited by the provisions of sections 700.010 to 700.115;

(5) To fail to correct **within a reasonable time not to exceed ninety days after being ordered to do so in writing by an authorized representative of the commission** a code violation in a **new** manufactured home or **new** modular unit **or used modular unit used for educational purposes** owned, manufactured or sold [within a reasonable time not to exceed ninety days after being ordered to do so in writing by an authorized representative of the commission,] if the same is manufactured after January 1, 1974; or

(6) To interfere with, obstruct, or hinder any authorized representative of the commission in the performance of his **or her** duties.

700.050. The issuance of seals to any manufacturer in violation of the provisions of sections 700.010 to 700.115 may be suspended by the commission and no further seals shall be issued to any such manufacturer except upon proof satisfactory to the commission that the conditions which brought about the violation have been remedied. Seals remain the property of the state and may be removed by the commission from any **new** manufactured home or **new** modular unit **or used modular unit used for educational purposes** which is in violation of the code.

700.090. 1. Every manufacturer or dealer of manufactured homes who sells or offers for sale, on consignment or otherwise, a manufactured home or modular unit from or in the state of Missouri shall register **each location** with the commission.

2. The commission shall issue a certificate of registration to a manufacturer who:

(1) Completes and files with the commission an application for registration which contains

the following information:

- (a) The name of the manufacturer;
- (b) The address of the manufacturer and addresses of each factory owned or operated by the manufacturer, if different from the address of the manufacturer;
- (c) If a corporation, the state of original incorporation, a list of the names and addresses of all officers and directors of the corporation, and proof of the filing of all franchise and sales tax forms required by Missouri law;
- (d) If not a corporation, the name and address of the managing person or persons responsible for overall operation of the manufacturer;

(2) Files with the commission an initial registration fee of **[two] seven** hundred fifty dollars in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to the state of Missouri.

3. The commission shall issue a certificate of registration to a dealer who:

(1) Completes and files with the commission an application for registration which contains the following information:

- (a) The name of the dealer;
- (b) The business address of the dealer and addresses of each separate facility owned and operated by the dealer from which manufactured homes or modular units are offered for sale if different from the business address of the dealer;
- (c) If a corporation, the state of original incorporation, a list of the names and addresses of all officers and directors of the corporation, proof of the filing of all franchise and sales tax forms required by Missouri law;

(d) If not a corporation, the name and address of the managing person or persons responsible for the overall operations of the manufacturer;

(2) Files with the commission an initial registration fee of **[fifty] two hundred** dollars in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to the state of Missouri;

(3) Files with the commission proof of compliance with the provisions of section **[301.250, RSMo, and section] 301.280, RSMo.**

4. The registration of any manufacturer or dealer shall be effective for a period of one year and shall be renewed by the commission upon receipt by it from the registered dealer of a renewal fee of **[two] seven** hundred fifty dollars for manufacturers and **[fifty] two hundred** dollars for dealers and a form provided by the commission upon which shall be placed any changes from the information requested on the initial registration form.

5. The commission may stagger the renewal of certificates of registration to provide for more equal distribution over the twelve months of the number of registration renewals.

700.100. 1. The commission may refuse to register or refuse to renew the registration of any person who fails to comply with the provisions of section 700.090 or this section. Notification of unfavorable action by the commission on any application for registration or renewal of

registration must be delivered to the applicant within thirty days from date it is received by the commission. Notification of unfavorable action by the commission on any application for registration or renewal of registration must be accompanied by a notice informing the recipient that the decision of the commission may be appealed as provided in chapter 386, RSMo.

2. The commission may consider a complaint filed with it charging a registered manufacturer or dealer with a violation of the provisions of this section, which charges, if proven, shall constitute grounds for revocation or suspension of his registration, or the placing of the registered manufacturer or dealer on probation.

3. The following specifications shall constitute grounds for the suspension, revocation or placing on probation of a manufacturer's or dealer's registration:

(1) If required, failure to comply with the provisions of [section 301.250, RSMo, or] section 301.280, RSMo;

(2) Failing to be in compliance with the provisions of section 700.090;

(3) If a corporation, failing to file all franchise or sales tax forms required by Missouri law;

(4) Engaging in any conduct which constitutes a violation of the provisions of section 407.020, RSMo;

(5) Failing to comply with the provisions of Sections 2301-2312 of Title 15 of the United States Code (Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act);

(6) As a dealer, failing to arrange for the proper initial setup of any new [or used] manufactured home or modular unit sold from or in the state of Missouri, unless the dealer receives a written waiver of that service from the purchaser or his **or her** authorized agent [and an amount equal to the actual cost of the setup is deducted from the total cost of the manufactured home or modular unit];

(7) Requiring any person to purchase any type of insurance from that manufacturer or dealer as a condition to his being sold any manufactured home or modular unit;

(8) Requiring any person to arrange financing or utilize the services of any particular financing service as a condition to his being sold any manufactured home or modular unit; provided, however, the registered manufacturer or dealer may reserve the right to establish reasonable conditions for the approval of any financing source;

(9) Engaging in conduct in violation of section 700.045;

(10) Failing to comply with the provisions of section 301.210, RSMo;

**(11) Failing to pay all necessary fees and assessments authorized pursuant to sections 700.010 to 700.115.**