

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to mobile homes; amending s.  
3           215.559, F.S.; specifying the amount of funds  
4           to be used to inspect and improve tie-downs for  
5           mobile homes; requiring the Department of  
6           Community Affairs to contract with a public  
7           higher educational institution to serve as an  
8           administrative entity and fiscal agent for  
9           certain purposes; establishing responsibilities  
10          for such administrative entity; requiring a  
11          certain Type I Center to develop a work plan  
12          for certain purposes; revising the process for  
13          establishing an advisory council; requiring an  
14          annual report; amending s. 723.003, F.S.;  
15          defining the term "proportionate share";  
16          amending s. 723.011, F.S.; requiring the  
17          Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums,  
18          and Mobile Homes to maintain specified records;  
19          requiring that copies be provided within a  
20          specified time after written request; amending  
21          s. 723.012, F.S.; revising provisions relating  
22          to statements in a prospectus; amending s.  
23          723.037, F.S.; revising procedures for meetings  
24          that determine the status of changes in lot  
25          rentals; amending s. 723.061, F.S.; revising  
26          timeframes for giving notice of changes in lot  
27          rental amounts and use of mobile home parks;  
28          creating s. 723.0611, F.S.; creating the  
29          Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation;  
30          providing for a board of directors to be  
31          appointed by the Secretary of Business and

1 Professional Regulation; providing for terms of  
2 office; specifying powers and duties of the  
3 board; authorizing the corporation to borrow  
4 from private finance sources; creating s.  
5 723.0612, F.S.; providing for the payment of  
6 relocation expenses if a mobile home owner is  
7 required to move due to a change in use of the  
8 mobile home park; providing exceptions;  
9 specifying procedures for payments upon  
10 approval of the corporation; authorizing a  
11 mobile home owner to abandon the mobile home  
12 and collect one-fourth the amount of relocation  
13 expenses; providing a penalty; providing for  
14 recognition of existing contracts; providing an  
15 effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19 Section 1. Section 215.559, Florida Statutes, is  
20 amended to read:

21 215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.--

22 (1) There is created a Hurricane Loss Mitigation  
23 Program. The Legislature shall annually appropriate \$10  
24 million of the moneys authorized for appropriation under s.  
25 215.555(7)(c) from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to  
26 the Department of Community Affairs for the purposes set forth  
27 in this section.

28 (2)(a) Seven million dollars in funds provided in  
29 subsection (1) shall be used for programs to improve the wind  
30 resistance of residences and mobile homes, including loans,  
31 subsidies, grants, demonstration projects, and direct

1 assistance; cooperative programs with local governments and  
2 the Federal Government; and other efforts to prevent or reduce  
3 losses or reduce the cost of rebuilding after a disaster.

4 (b) Three million dollars in funds provided in  
5 subsection (1) shall be used to retrofit existing facilities  
6 used as public hurricane shelters. The department must  
7 prioritize the use of these funds for projects included in the  
8 September 1, 2000, version of the Shelter Retrofit Report  
9 prepared in accordance with s. 252.385(3), and each annual  
10 report thereafter. The department must give funding priority  
11 to projects in regional planning council regions that have  
12 shelter deficits and to projects that maximize use of state  
13 funds.

14 (3) Forty ~~At least 40~~ percent of the total  
15 appropriation in paragraph (2)(a) shall be used to inspect and  
16 improve tie-downs for mobile homes. Within 30 days after the  
17 effective date of that appropriation, the department shall  
18 contract with a public higher educational institution in this  
19 state which has previous experience in administering the  
20 programs set forth in this subsection to serve as the  
21 administrative entity and fiscal agent pursuant to s. 216.346  
22 for the purpose of administering the programs set forth in  
23 this subsection in accordance with established policy and  
24 procedures for loans, subsidies, grants, demonstration  
25 projects, and direct assistance for the first year of the  
26 programs shall be used for mobile homes, including programs to  
27 inspect and improve tie-downs, construct and provide safety  
28 structures, and provide other means to reduce losses. In the  
29 second year of the programs, at least 30 percent of the total  
30 appropriation shall be used for mobile homes, and thereafter  
31 at least 20 percent shall be used for such purposes. The

1 administrative entity working with the advisory council set up  
 2 under subsection (5) shall develop a list of mobile home parks  
 3 and counties that may be eligible to participate in the  
 4 tie-down program.

5 (4) Of moneys provided to the Department of Community  
 6 Affairs in paragraph (2)(a), 10 percent shall be allocated to  
 7 a the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund in the general  
 8 office of the Board of Regents, to be used by the Type I  
 9 Center within the State University System dedicated to  
 10 hurricane research. The Type I Center shall develop a  
 11 preliminary work plan approved by the advisory council set  
 12 forth in subsection (5) to eliminate the state and local  
 13 barriers to upgrading existing mobile homes and communities,  
 14 research and develop a program for the recycling of existing  
 15 older mobile homes, and to support programs of research and  
 16 development relating to hurricane loss reduction devices and  
 17 techniques for site-built residences and mobile homes and  
 18 relating to the development of credible data on potential loss  
 19 reductions. The State University System also shall consult  
 20 with the Department of Community Affairs and assist the  
 21 department with the report required under subsection (7).

22 (5) Except for the program set forth in subsection  
 23 (3), the Department of Community Affairs shall develop the  
 24 programs set forth in this section in consultation with an  
 25 advisory council appointed by the secretary consisting of a  
 26 representative designated by of the Department of Insurance, a  
 27 representative designated by the Florida Home Builders  
 28 Association of home builders, a representative designated by  
 29 the Florida Insurance Council of insurance companies, a  
 30 representative designated by of the Federation of Manufactured  
 31 Mobile Home Owners, a representative designated by of the

1 Florida Association of Counties, and a representative  
2 designated by ~~of~~ the Florida Manufactured Housing Association  
3 ~~who is a mobile home manufacturer or supplier.~~

4 (6) Moneys provided to the Department of Community  
5 Affairs under this section are intended to supplement other  
6 funding sources of the Department of Community Affairs and may  
7 not supplant other funding sources of the Department of  
8 Community Affairs.

9 (7) On January 1st of each year ~~2001 and 2002~~, the  
10 Department of Community Affairs shall provide a full report  
11 and accounting of activities under this section and an  
12 evaluation of such activities to the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Majority  
14 and Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives and the  
15 Senate.

16 (8) This section is repealed June 30, 2006 ~~2002~~.

17 Section 2. Subsections (11) through (14) of section  
18 723.003, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (12)  
19 through (15), respectively, and a new subsection (11) is added  
20 to said section to read:

21 723.003 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the  
22 following words and terms have the following meanings unless  
23 clearly indicated otherwise:

24 (11) The term "proportionate share" as used in  
25 subsection (10) means an amount calculated by dividing equally  
26 among the affected developed lots in the park the total costs  
27 for the necessary and actual direct costs and impact or hookup  
28 fees incurred for governmentally mandated capital improvements  
29 serving the recreational and common areas and all affected  
30 developed lots in the park.

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1           Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 723.011, Florida  
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3           723.011 Disclosure prior to rental of a mobile home  
4 lot; prospectus, filing, approval.--

5           (1)(a) In a mobile home park containing 26 or more  
6 lots, the park owner shall file a prospectus with the  
7 division. Prior to entering into an enforceable rental  
8 agreement for a mobile home lot, the park owner shall deliver  
9 to the homeowner a prospectus approved by the division. This  
10 subsection does ~~shall~~ not be construed to invalidate those lot  
11 rental agreements for which an approved prospectus was  
12 required to be delivered and which was delivered on or before  
13 July 1, 1986, if the mobile home park owner had:

14           1. Filed a prospectus with the division prior to  
15 entering into the lot rental agreement;

16           2. Made a good faith effort to correct deficiencies  
17 cited by the division by responding within the time limit set  
18 by the division, if one was set; and

19           3. Delivered the approved prospectus to the mobile  
20 home owner within 45 days of approval by the division.

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22 This paragraph does ~~shall~~ not preclude the finding that a lot  
23 rental agreement is invalid on other grounds and does ~~shall~~  
24 not be construed to limit any rights of a mobile home owner or  
25 to preclude a mobilehome owner from seeking any remedies  
26 allowed by this chapter, including a determination that the  
27 lot rental agreement or any part thereof is unreasonable.

28           (b) The division shall determine whether the proposed  
29 prospectus or offering circular is adequate to meet the  
30 requirements of this chapter and shall notify the park owner  
31 by mail, within 45 days after ~~of~~ receipt of the document, that

1 the division has found that ~~either approved~~ the prospectus or  
2 offering circular is adequate or has found specified  
3 deficiencies. ~~If in the event~~ the division does not make  
4 either finding ~~approve the prospectus or advise the park owner~~  
5 ~~of deficiencies~~ within 45 days, the prospectus shall be deemed  
6 to have been found adequate ~~be approved~~.

7 (c)1. Filings for mobile home parks in which lots have  
8 not been offered for lease prior to June 4, 1984, shall be  
9 accompanied by a filing fee of \$10 per lot offered for lease  
10 by the park owner; however, the fee shall not be less than  
11 \$100.

12 2. Filings for mobile home parks in which lots have  
13 been offered for lease prior to the effective date of this  
14 chapter shall be accompanied by a filing fee as follows:

- 15 a. For a park in which there are 26-50 lots: \$100.  
16 b. For a park in which there are 51-100 lots: \$150.  
17 c. For a park in which there are 101-150 lots: \$200.  
18 d. For a park in which there are 151-200 lots: \$250.  
19 e. For a park in which there are 201 or more lots:  
20 \$300.

21 (d) The division shall maintain copies of each  
22 prospectus and all amendments to each prospectus which are  
23 considered adequate by the division. The division shall  
24 provide copies of documents requested in writing under this  
25 subsection within 10 days after the written request is  
26 received.

27 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 723.012, Florida  
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 723.012 Prospectus or offering circular.--The  
30 prospectus or offering circular, which is required to be  
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1 provided by s. 723.011, must contain the following  
2 information:

3 (1) The front cover or the first page must contain  
4 only:

5 (a) The name of the mobile home park.

6 (b) The following statements in conspicuous type:

7 1. THIS PROSPECTUS~~(OFFERING CIRCULAR)~~CONTAINS VERY  
8 IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND YOUR  
9 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS ~~MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED~~ IN LEASING A  
10 MOBILE HOME LOT. MAKE SURE THAT YOU READ THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT  
11 AND SEEK LEGAL ADVICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE  
12 INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS DOCUMENT.

13 2. THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE ONLY SUMMARY IN  
14 NATURE. A PROSPECTIVE LESSEE SHOULD REFER TO ALL REFERENCES,  
15 ALL EXHIBITS HERETO, THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND SALES  
16 MATERIALS.

17 3. ORAL REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON AS  
18 CORRECTLY STATING THE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE PARK OWNER OR  
19 OPERATOR. REFER TO THIS PROSPECTUS (OFFERING CIRCULAR) AND  
20 ITS EXHIBITS FOR CORRECT REPRESENTATIONS.

21 4. UPON DELIVERY OF THE PROSPECTUS TO A PROSPECTIVE  
22 LESSEE, THE RENTAL AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY THE LESSEE FOR A  
23 PERIOD OF 15 DAYS.

24 Section 5. Subsection (4) and paragraph (a) of  
25 subsection (5) of section 723.037, Florida Statutes, are  
26 amended to read:

27 723.037 Lot rental increases; reduction in services or  
28 utilities; change in rules and regulations; mediation.--

29 (4)(a) A committee, not to exceed five in number,  
30 designated by a majority of the affected mobile home owners or  
31 by the board of directors of the homeowners' association, if



1 applicable, and the park owner shall meet, at a mutually  
2 convenient time and place within 30 days after receipt by the  
3 homeowners of the notice of change, to discuss the reasons for  
4 the increase in lot rental amount, reduction in services or  
5 utilities, or change in rules and regulations.

6 (b) At the meeting, the park owner or subdivision  
7 developer shall in good faith disclose and explain all  
8 material factors resulting in the decision to increase the lot  
9 rental amount, reduce services or utilities, or change rules  
10 and regulations, including how those factors justify the  
11 specific change proposed. The park owner or subdivision  
12 developer may not limit the discussion of the reasons for the  
13 change to generalities only, such as, but not limited to,  
14 increases in operational costs, changes in economic  
15 conditions, or rents charged by comparable mobile home parks.  
16 For example, if the reason for an increase in lot rental  
17 amount is an increase in operational costs, the park owner  
18 must disclose the item or items which have increased, the  
19 amount of the increase, any similar item or items which have  
20 decreased, and the amount of the decrease. If an increase is  
21 based upon the lot rental amount charged by comparable mobile  
22 home parks, the park owner shall disclose, and provide in  
23 writing to the committee at or before the meeting, the name,  
24 address, lot rental amount, and any other relevant factors  
25 relied upon by the park owner, such as facilities, services,  
26 and amenities, concerning the comparable mobile home parks  
27 ~~relied upon by the park owner~~. The park owner shall prepare a  
28 written summary of the material factors and retain a copy for  
29 3 years. The park owner shall provide the committee a copy of  
30 the summary at or before the meeting.

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1           (c) If the committee disagrees with a park owner's lot  
2 rental amount increase based upon comparable mobile home  
3 parks, the committee shall disclose to the park owner the  
4 name, address, lot rental amount, and any other relevant  
5 factors relied upon by the committee, such as facilities,  
6 services, and amenities, concerning the comparable mobile home  
7 parks. The committee shall provide to the park owner the  
8 disclosure, in writing, within 15 days after the meeting with  
9 the park owner, together with a request for a second meeting.

10           (d) The committee and the park owner may mutually  
11 agree, in writing, to extend or continue any meetings required  
12 by this section.

13           (e) Either party may prepare and use additional  
14 information to support its position during or subsequent to  
15 the meetings required by this section.

16           (5)(a) Within 30 days after the date of the last  
17 scheduled meeting described in subsection (4), the homeowners  
18 may petition the division to initiate mediation of the dispute  
19 pursuant to s. 723.038 if a majority of the affected  
20 homeowners have designated, in writing, that:

- 21           1. The rental increase is unreasonable;
- 22           2. The rental increase has made the lot rental amount  
23 unreasonable;
- 24           3. The decrease in services or utilities is not  
25 accompanied by a corresponding decrease in rent or is  
26 otherwise unreasonable; or
- 27           4. The change in the rules and regulations is  
28 unreasonable.

29           Section 6. Section 723.061, Florida Statutes, is  
30 amended to read:

31           723.061 Eviction; grounds, proceedings.--

1           (1) A mobile home park owner may evict a mobile home  
2 owner or a mobile home only on one or more of the grounds  
3 provided in this section.

4           (a) Nonpayment of lot rental amount. If a mobile home  
5 owner fails to pay the lot rental amount when due and if the  
6 default continues for 5 days after delivery of a written  
7 demand by the mobile home park owner for payment of the lot  
8 rental amount, the park owner may terminate the tenancy.  
9 However, if the mobile home owner pays the lot rental amount  
10 due, including any late charges, court costs, and attorney's  
11 fees, the court may, for good cause, deny the order of  
12 eviction, provided such nonpayment has not occurred more than  
13 twice.

14           (b) Conviction of a violation of a federal or state  
15 law or local ordinance, which violation may be deemed  
16 detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of other  
17 residents of the mobile home park.

18           (c) Violation of a park rule or regulation, the rental  
19 agreement, or this chapter.

20           1. For the first violation of any properly promulgated  
21 rule or regulation, rental agreement provision, or this  
22 chapter which is found by any court having jurisdiction  
23 thereof to have been an act which endangered the life, health,  
24 safety, or property of the park residents or the peaceful  
25 enjoyment of the mobile home park by its residents, the mobile  
26 home park owner may terminate the rental agreement, and the  
27 mobile home owner will have 7 days from the date that the  
28 notice is delivered to vacate the premises.

29           2. For a second violation of the same properly  
30 promulgated rule or regulation, rental agreement provision, or  
31 this chapter within 12 months, the mobile home park owner may

1 terminate the tenancy if she or he has given the mobile home  
2 owner written notice within 30 days of the first violation,  
3 which notice specified the actions of the mobile home owner  
4 which caused the violation and gave the mobile home owner 7  
5 days to correct the noncompliance. The mobile home owner must  
6 have received written notice of the ground upon which she or  
7 he is to be evicted at least 30 days prior to the date on  
8 which she or he is required to vacate. A second violation of  
9 a properly promulgated rule or regulation, rental agreement  
10 provision, or this chapter within 12 months of the first  
11 violation is unequivocally a ground for eviction, and it is  
12 not a defense to any eviction proceeding that a violation has  
13 been cured after the second violation. Violation of a rule or  
14 regulation, rental agreement provision, or this chapter after  
15 the passage of 1 year from the first violation of the same  
16 rule or regulation, rental agreement provision, or this  
17 chapter does not constitute a ground for eviction under this  
18 section.

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20 No properly promulgated rule or regulation may be arbitrarily  
21 applied and used as a ground for eviction.

22 (d) Change in use of the land comprising the mobile  
23 home park, or the portion thereof from which mobile homes are  
24 to be evicted, from mobile home lot rentals to some other use,  
25 provided all tenants affected are given at least 6 months'  
26 ~~year's~~ notice of the projected change of use and of their need  
27 to secure other accommodations. The park owner may not give a  
28 notice of increase in lot rental amount within 90 days before  
29 giving notice of a change in use.

30 (e) Failure of the purchaser of a mobile home situated  
31 in the mobile home park to be qualified as, and to obtain

1 approval to become, a tenant, if such approval is required by  
2 a properly promulgated rule.

3 (2) In the event of eviction for change of ~~land~~ use,  
4 homeowners must object to the change in ~~land~~ use by  
5 petitioning for administrative or judicial remedies within 90  
6 days of the date of the notice or they will be barred from  
7 taking any subsequent action to contest the change in ~~land~~  
8 use. This provision shall not be construed to prevent any  
9 homeowner from objecting to a zoning change at any time.

10 ~~(a) Within 90 days from the time the park owner gives~~  
11 ~~the 1-year notice, she or he shall notify the homeowner of her~~  
12 ~~or his election to either buy the mobile home, relocate the~~  
13 ~~mobile home to another park owned by the park owner, or pay to~~  
14 ~~relocate the mobile home to another mobile home park, as~~  
15 ~~follows:~~

16 ~~1. Pay as damages the actual cost, including setup~~  
17 ~~fees, to move an evicted mobile home, with comparable and any~~  
18 ~~required appurtenances, to a comparable mobile home park~~  
19 ~~within a 50-mile radius of the mobile home park or other~~  
20 ~~distance agreed upon by the park owner and mobile home owner.~~  
21 ~~Since the amount of damages that a homeowner will suffer due~~  
22 ~~to the change in land use by the park owner cannot be easily~~  
23 ~~estimated and would be difficult and expensive to determine,~~  
24 ~~it is the intent of the Legislature that the payment contained~~  
25 ~~herein be considered in the nature of liquidated damages and~~  
26 ~~not a penalty. It is the intent of the Legislature that the~~  
27 ~~liquidated damages to which the mobile home owner is entitled~~  
28 ~~be limited to the damages defined in this subparagraph only~~  
29 ~~for so long as this subsection remains in effect. The~~  
30 ~~liquidated damages apply only to the harm incurred by the~~  
31 ~~homeowner for having to relocate, and this provision shall not~~

1 ~~preclude incidental damages that might occur in relocating the~~  
2 ~~mobile home;~~  
3       ~~2. Purchase the mobile home and all appurtenances~~  
4 ~~thereto at a value to be determined as follows:~~  
5           ~~a. A mutually agreed upon appraiser will assess the~~  
6 ~~book value of the mobile home and cash value of all~~  
7 ~~appurtenances thereto and the market value of the mobile home~~  
8 ~~as situated immediately prior to the notice of change in land~~  
9 ~~use. Any nationally recognized publication for valuation of~~  
10 ~~mobile and manufactured homes shall be used as a guide for~~  
11 ~~determining such value.~~  
12           ~~b. The homeowner will be entitled to the book value of~~  
13 ~~the mobile home and cash value of the appurtenances.~~  
14           ~~c. The homeowner will also be entitled to the~~  
15 ~~following portion of the difference between the book value and~~  
16 ~~cash value of the appurtenances and the market value of the~~  
17 ~~mobile home. If the homeowner has resided in the mobile home~~  
18 ~~at the time of notice of land use change by the park owner:~~  
19           ~~0 years up to 5 years.....40 percent~~  
20           ~~5 years up to 15 years.....60 percent~~  
21           ~~15 years up to 20 years.....80 percent~~  
22           ~~20 years or more.....100 percent~~  
23           ~~d. The homeowner who has become a resident of the park~~  
24 ~~within 0-5 years of the notice of change in land use shall be~~  
25 ~~entitled, in addition to the compensation set forth above, to~~  
26 ~~60 percent of the difference between the book value and the~~  
27 ~~market value of the mobile home.~~  
28           ~~e. Between the date of the appraisals referred to in~~  
29 ~~this subsection and the delivery of title and possession of~~  
30 ~~the mobile home and all appurtenances thereto to the park~~  
31 ~~owner, the mobile home and the appurtenances shall be~~

1 ~~maintained by the homeowner in the condition existing on the~~  
2 ~~date of the appraisals, ordinary wear and tear excepted; or~~

3 ~~3. Reach a mutually agreed to settlement between the~~  
4 ~~park owner and the homeowner.~~

5 ~~(b) Either the mobile home owner or the park owner may~~  
6 ~~apply to the circuit court in the county where the mobile home~~  
7 ~~lot is located for purposes of selecting an appraiser to~~  
8 ~~determine the value of the mobile home and appurtenances or~~  
9 ~~for resolution of any other dispute arising under this~~  
10 ~~subsection.~~

11 ~~(c) In any dispute in a circuit court regarding the~~  
12 ~~value of the mobile home as appraised pursuant to this~~  
13 ~~subsection, the court shall determine the amount to be~~  
14 ~~deposited into the registry of the court as will fully secure~~  
15 ~~and fully compensate the homeowner as ultimately determined by~~  
16 ~~the final judgment. The court shall fix the time within which~~  
17 ~~and the terms upon which the homeowner shall be required to~~  
18 ~~surrender possession and title to the park owner. The order of~~  
19 ~~the court shall not become effective unless the deposit of the~~  
20 ~~required sum is made in the registry of the court.~~

21 ~~(3)(d)~~ (3) The provisions of s. 723.083 shall not be  
22 applicable to any park where the provisions of this subsection  
23 apply.

24 ~~(4)(3)~~ (4) A mobile home park owner applying for the  
25 removal of a mobile home owner or a mobile home, or both,  
26 shall file, in the county court in the county where the mobile  
27 home lot is situated, a complaint describing the lot and  
28 stating the facts that authorize the removal of the mobile  
29 home owner and the mobile home. The park owner is entitled to  
30 the summary procedure provided in s. 51.011, and the court  
31 shall advance the cause on the calendar.

1           ~~(5)(4)~~ Any notice required by this section must be in  
2 writing, and must be posted on the premises and sent to the  
3 mobile home owner by certified or registered mail, return  
4 receipt requested, addressed to the mobile home owner at her  
5 or his last known address. Delivery of the mailed notice  
6 shall be deemed given 5 days after the date of postmark.

7           Section 7. Section 723.0611, Florida Statutes, is  
8 created to read:

9           723.0611 Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation.--

10           (1) There is created the Florida Mobile Home  
11 Relocation Corporation. The corporation shall be administered  
12 by a board of directors made up of six members, three of whom  
13 shall be appointed by the Secretary of Business and  
14 Professional Regulation from a list of nominees submitted by  
15 the largest nonprofit association representing mobile home  
16 owners in this state, and three of whom shall be appointed by  
17 the Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation from a  
18 list of nominees submitted by the largest nonprofit  
19 association representing the manufactured housing industry in  
20 this state. All members of the board of directors, including  
21 the chair, shall be appointed to serve for staggered 3-year  
22 terms.

23           (2)(a) The board of directors may employ or retain  
24 such persons as are necessary to perform the administrative  
25 and financial transactions and responsibilities of the  
26 corporation and to perform other necessary and proper  
27 functions not prohibited by law.

28           (b) Members of the board of directors may be  
29 reimbursed from moneys of the corporation for actual and  
30 necessary expenses incurred by them as members but may not  
31 otherwise be compensated for their services.



1           (c) There shall be no liability on the part of, and no  
2 cause of action of any nature shall arise against, agents or  
3 employees of the corporation, members of the board of  
4 directors of the corporation, or representatives of the  
5 Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums, and Mobile Homes  
6 for any act or omission of the board of directors in the  
7 performance of their powers and duties under this section,  
8 unless such act or omission by such person is in intentional  
9 disregard of the rights of the claimant.

10           (d) Meetings of the board of directors are subject to  
11 the provisions of s. 286.011.

12           (3) The board of directors shall:

13           (a) Adopt a plan of operation and articles, bylaws,  
14 and operating rules.

15           (b) Establish procedures under which applicants for  
16 payments from the corporation may have grievances reviewed by  
17 an impartial body and reported to the board of directors.

18           (4) The corporation may:

19           (a) Sue or be sued.

20           (b) Borrow from private finance sources in order to  
21 meet the demands of the relocation program established in s.  
22 723.0612.

23           Section 8. Section 723.0612, Florida Statutes, is  
24 created to read:

25           723.0612 Change in use; relocation expenses; payments  
26 by park owner.--

27           (1) If a mobile home owner is required to move due to  
28 a change in use of the land comprising the mobile home park as  
29 set forth in s. 723.061(1)(d) and complies with the  
30 requirements of this section, the mobile home owner is  
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1 entitled to payment from the Florida Mobile Home Relocation  
2 Corporation of:

3 (a) The amount of actual moving expenses of relocating  
4 the mobile home to a new location within a 50-mile radius of  
5 the vacated park, or

6 (b) The amount of \$5,000 for a single-section mobile  
7 home or \$10,000 for a multisection mobile home,

8  
9 whichever is less. Moving expenses include the cost of taking  
10 down, moving, and setting up the mobile home in a new  
11 location.

12 (2) A mobile home owner shall not be entitled to  
13 compensation under subsection (1) when:

14 (a) The park owner moves a mobile home owner to  
15 another space in the mobile home park or to another mobile  
16 home park at the park owner's expense;

17 (b) A mobile home owner is vacating the premises and  
18 has informed the park owner or manager before notice of the  
19 change in use has been given; or

20 (c) A mobile home owner abandons the mobile home as  
21 set forth in subsection (7).

22 (3) Except as provided in subsection (7), in order to  
23 obtain payment from the Florida Mobile Home Relocation  
24 Corporation, the mobile home owner shall submit to the  
25 corporation, with a copy to the park owner, an application for  
26 payment which includes:

27 (a) A copy of the notice of eviction due to change in  
28 use; and

29 (b) A contract with a moving or towing contractor for  
30 the moving expenses for the mobile home.

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1           (4) The Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation  
2 must approve payment within 15 days after receipt of the  
3 information set forth in subsection (3), or payment is deemed  
4 approved. A copy of the approval must be forwarded to the park  
5 owner with an invoice for payment. Upon approval, the  
6 corporation shall issue a voucher in the amount of the  
7 contract price for relocating the mobile home. The moving  
8 contractor may redeem the voucher from the corporation  
9 following completion of the relocation and upon approval of  
10 the relocation by the mobile home owner.

11           (5) Actions of the Florida Mobile Home Relocation  
12 Corporation under this section are not subject to the  
13 provisions of chapter 120 but are reviewable only by writ of  
14 certiorari in the circuit court in the county in which the  
15 claimant resides in the manner and within the time provided by  
16 the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

17           (6) This section does not apply to any proceeding in  
18 eminent domain under chapter 73 or chapter 74.

19           (7) In lieu of collecting payment from the Florida  
20 Mobile Home Relocation Corporation as set forth in subsection  
21 (1), a mobile home owner may abandon the mobile home in the  
22 mobile home park and collect an amount equal to one-fourth of  
23 the maximum allowable moving expenses from the corporation as  
24 long as the mobile home owner delivers to the park owner the  
25 current title to the mobile home duly endorsed by the owner of  
26 record and valid releases of all liens shown on the title. If  
27 a mobile home owner chooses this option, the park owner shall  
28 make payment to the corporation in an amount equal to  
29 one-fourth of the maximum allowable moving expenses.

30           (8) The Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation  
31 shall not be liable to any person for recovery if funds are

1 insufficient to pay the amounts claimed. In any such event,  
2 the corporation shall keep a record of the time and date of  
3 its approval of payment to a claimant. If sufficient funds  
4 become available, the corporation shall pay the claimant whose  
5 unpaid claim is the earliest by time and date of approval.

6 (9) It is unlawful for any person or his or her agent  
7 to file any notice, statement, or other document required  
8 under this section which is false or contains any material  
9 misstatement of fact. Any person who violates this subsection  
10 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as  
11 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

12 Section 9. Sections 6 and 7 of this act shall not  
13 impair the contract providing for the method of purchase of  
14 the mobile homes where the contracts for purchase were entered  
15 into between the mobile home park owner and the mobile home  
16 owners prior to the effective date of this act and the notices  
17 of eviction are appropriately provided as required by chapter  
18 723, Florida Statutes.

19 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.  
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