

By the Council for Competitive Commerce and Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs and Representatives Bennett, Bowen, Spratt, Flanagan, Dockery, Wiles, Russell, Kosmas, Green, Gibson and Murman

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Mobile Home Act;
 3 amending s. 723.037, F.S.; providing for a
 4 meeting between the park owner and a committee
 5 of affected mobile home owners with respect to
 6 certain lot rental amount increases; amending
 7 s. 723.06116, F.S.; correcting cross
 8 references; requiring that certain payments by
 9 a mobile home park be made to the Florida
 10 Mobile Home Relocation Corporation rather than
 11 the Department of Business and Professional
 12 Regulation; amending s. 723.0612, F.S.;
 13 increasing the time period for the corporation
 14 to provide copies of certain approvals;
 15 providing an 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. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
 20 723.037, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 723.037 Lot rental increases; reduction in services or
 22 utilities; change in rules and regulations; mediation.--

23 (4)

24 (c) If the committee disagrees with a park owner's lot
 25 rental amount increase based upon comparable mobile home
 26 parks, the committee shall disclose to the park owner the
 27 name, address, lot rental amount, and any other relevant
 28 factors relied upon by the committee, such as facilities,
 29 services, and amenities, concerning the comparable mobile home
 30 parks. The committee shall provide to the park owner the
 31 disclosure, in writing, within 15 days after the meeting with

1 the park owner, together with a request for a second meeting.
2 The park owner shall meet with the committee at a mutually
3 convenient time and place within 30 days after receipt by the
4 park owner of the request from the committee to discuss the
5 disclosure provided by the committee.

6 Section 2. Section 723.06116, Florida Statutes, is
7 amended to read:

8 723.06116 Payments to the Florida Mobile Home
9 Relocation Corporation Trust Fund.--

10 (1) If a mobile home owner is required to move due to
11 a change in use of the land comprising a mobile home park as
12 set forth in s. 723.061(1)(d), the mobile home park owner
13 shall, upon such change in use, pay to the Florida Mobile Home
14 Relocation Corporation ~~department~~ for deposit in the Florida
15 Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund \$2,000 for each
16 single-section mobile home and \$2,500 for each multisection
17 mobile home for which a mobile home owner has made application
18 for payment of moving expenses. The mobile home park shall
19 make the payments required by this section and by s.
20 723.0612(7) to the corporation within 30 days after receipt
21 from the corporation of the invoice for payment.

22 (2) A mobile home park owner is not required to make
23 the payment prescribed in subsection (1), nor is the mobile
24 home owner entitled to compensation under s. 723.0612(1),
25 when:

26 (a) The mobile home park owner moves a mobile home
27 owner to another space in the mobile home park or to another
28 mobile home park at the park owner's expense;

29 (b) A mobile home owner is vacating the premises and
30 has informed the mobile home park owner or manager before the
31 change in use notice has been given; or

1 (c) A mobile home owner abandons the mobile home as
2 set forth in s. 723.0612~~(7)(8)~~.

3 (3) This section and s. 723.0612(7) are enforceable by
4 the corporation by action in a court of appropriate
5 jurisdiction.

6 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 723.0612, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 723.0612 Change in use; relocation expenses; payments
9 by park owner.--

10 (4) The Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation
11 must approve payment within 45 ~~15~~ days after receipt of the
12 information set forth in subsection (3), or payment is deemed
13 approved. A copy of the approval must be forwarded to the park
14 owner with an invoice for payment. Upon approval, the
15 corporation shall issue a voucher in the amount of the
16 contract price for relocating the mobile home. The moving
17 contractor may redeem the voucher from the corporation
18 following completion of the relocation and upon approval of
19 the relocation by the mobile home owner.

20 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
21 law.

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