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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would define recreational park
9 trailers and would require recreational park
10 trailers to be constructed in compliance with
11 standards of the American National Standards
12 Institute. Total area of a unit would be defined
13 not to exceed 400 square feet. Compliance with the
14 standards would be required to be based on
15 independent third-party plant inspections.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to recreational park trailers; to require
22 recreational park trailers to be constructed in compliance
23 with standards of the American National Standards Institute
24 and to be subject to independent third-party inspections.
25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, a
2 "recreational park trailer" is a transportable unit that has a
3 body width not exceeding 14 feet and which is built on a
4 single chassis and is designed to provide seasonal or
5 temporary living quarters when connected to utilities
6 necessary for operation of installed fixtures and appliances.
7 The total area of the unit in a setup mode, when measured from
8 the exterior surface of the exterior stud walls at the level
9 of maximum dimensions, not including any bay window, may not
10 exceed 400 square feet when constructed to ANSI A-119.5
11 standards. The length of a recreational park trailer means the
12 distance from the exterior of the front of the body nearest to
13 the drawbar and coupling mechanism to the exterior of the rear
14 of the body at the opposite end of the body including any
15 protrusions.

16 (b) Any recreational park trailer manufactured for
17 sale in this state shall be constructed in compliance with
18 American National Standards Institute ANSI A-119.5 standards
19 for park trailers. A recreational park trailer shall be deemed
20 to be constructed in compliance with ANSI A-119.5 standards if
21 the manufacturer submits to independent third-party plant
22 inspections to assure compliance. A recreational park trailer
23 manufactured by a manufacturer that is subject to independent
24 third-party inspections and which is eligible to bear the seal
25 of the Recreational Park Trailer Industry Association
26 certifying that the manufacturer is in compliance with the

1 Standards for Recreational Park Trailers, ANSI A-119.5, shall
2 be considered to meet the requirements of this section. Any
3 other third-party plant inspection program shall be approved
4 by the State Fire Marshal.

5 (c) A recreational park trailer that meets the
6 requirements of this section is not a mobile home or otherwise
7 subject to regulation by the Manufactured Housing Commission.

8 Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
9 with this act are repealed.

10 Section 3. This act shall become effective
11 immediately following its passage and approval by the
12 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.