ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 518-COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF BUDGET AND PLANNING)

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Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY-Consolidates the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry within the Division of the Department. Housing (BDR 18-1224)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to housing; consolidating the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry within the Housing Division of the Department; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Manufactured Housing Division is one division, along 1 2345678 with the Housing Division and a number of other agencies, under the Department of Business and Industry. (NRS 232.510) The Manufactured Housing Division is headed by the chief of the Division, who functions as its Administrator. (NRS 232.520) This bill renames the Manufactured Housing Division as the Manufactured Housing Section and consolidates the functions of the Manufactured Housing Division under the Housing Division. This bill also redesignates the chief of the Manufactured Housing Section as the Deputy Administrator.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY. DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 232.510 is hereby amended to read as follows: 232.510 1. The Department of Business and Industry is 2 3 hereby created. 4
 - 2. The Department consists of a Director and the following:
 - (a) Consumer Affairs Division.





- 1 (b) Division of Financial Institutions.
- 2 (c) Housing Division.
- 3 (d) [Manufactured Housing Division.
- 4 <u>(e)</u> Real Estate Division.
- 5 **[(f)]** (e) Division of Insurance.
- 6 [(g)] (f) Division of Industrial Relations.
- 7 [(h)] (g) Office of Labor Commissioner.
- 8 [(i)] (*h*) Taxicab Authority.
- 9 (i) Nevada Athletic Commission.
- 10 [(k)] (j) Office of the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers.
- 11 [(1)] (k) Nevada Transportation Authority.
- 12 [(m)] (l) Division of Mortgage Lending.

13 [(n)] (m) Any other office, commission, board, agency or entity 14 created or placed within the Department pursuant to a specific 15 statute, the budget approved by the Legislature or an executive 16 order, or an entity whose budget or activities have been placed 17 within the control of the Department by a specific statute.

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Sec. 2. NRS 232.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 232.520 The Director:

20 Shall appoint a chief or executive director, or both of them, 1. 21 of each of the divisions, offices, commissions, boards, agencies or 22 other entities of the Department, unless the authority to appoint such 23 a chief or executive director, or both of them, is expressly vested in 24 another person, board or commission by a specific statute. In 25 making the appointments, the Director may obtain lists of qualified persons from professional organizations, associations or other 26 27 groups recognized by the Department, if any. The chief of the 28 Consumer Affairs Division is the Commissioner of Consumer 29 Affairs, the chief of the Division of Financial Institutions is the 30 Commissioner of Financial Institutions, the chief of the Housing 31 Division is the Administrator of the Housing Division, [the chief of 32 the Manufactured Housing Division is the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division,] the chief of the Real Estate 33 Division is the Real Estate Administrator, the chief of the Division 34 35 of Insurance is the Commissioner of Insurance, the chief of the Division of Industrial Relations is the Administrator of the Division 36 37 of Industrial Relations, the chief of the Office of Labor 38 Commissioner is the Labor Commissioner, the chief of the Taxicab Authority is the Taxicab Administrator, the chief of the Nevada 39 40 Transportation Authority is the Chair of the Authority, the chief of 41 the Division of Mortgage Lending is the Commissioner of Mortgage 42 Lending and the chief of any other entity of the Department has the title specified by the Director, unless a different title is specified by 43 44 a specific statute.





2. Is responsible for the administration of all provisions of law 1 2 relating to the jurisdiction, duties and functions of all divisions and other entities within the Department. The Director may, if he or she 3 deems it necessary to carry out his or her administrative 4 responsibilities, be considered as a member of the staff of any 5 6 division or other entity of the Department for the purpose of budget 7 administration or for carrying out any duty or exercising any power necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the Director pursuant to 8 9 this subsection. This subsection does not allow the Director to preempt any authority or jurisdiction granted by statute to any 10 division or other entity within the Department or to act or take on a 11 function that would contravene a rule of court or a statute. 12

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3. May:

14 (a) Establish uniform policies for the Department, consistent 15 with the policies and statutory responsibilities and duties of the 16 divisions and other entities within the Department, relating to matters concerning budgeting, accounting, planning, program 17 development, personnel, information services, dispute resolution, 18 travel, workplace safety, the acceptance of gifts or donations, the 19 20 management of records and any other subject for which a uniform 21 departmental policy is necessary to ensure the efficient operation of 22 the Department.

(b) Provide coordination among the divisions and other entities
within the Department, in a manner which does not encroach upon
their statutory powers and duties, as they adopt and enforce
regulations, execute agreements, purchase goods, services or
equipment, prepare legislative requests and lease or use office space.

(c) Define the responsibilities of any person designated to carry
 out the duties of the Director relating to financing, industrial
 development or business support services.

31 4. May, within the limits of the financial resources made available to the Director, promote, participate in the operation of, 32 33 and create or cause to be created, any nonprofit corporation, pursuant to chapter 82 of NRS, which he or she determines is 34 35 necessary or convenient for the exercise of the powers and duties of the Department. The purposes, powers and operation of the 36 corporation must be consistent with the purposes, powers and duties 37 38 of the Department.

5. For any bonds which the Director is otherwise authorized to issue, may issue bonds the interest on which is not exempt from federal income tax or excluded from gross revenue for the purposes of federal income tax.

6. May, except as otherwise provided by specific statute, adopt
by regulation a schedule of fees and deposits to be charged in
connection with the programs administered by the Director pursuant





to chapters 348A and 349 of NRS. Except as otherwise provided by
 specific statute, the amount of any such fee or deposit must not
 exceed 2 percent of the principal amount of the financing.

4 7. May designate any person within the Department to perform
5 any of the duties or responsibilities, or exercise any of the authority,
6 of the Director on his or her behalf.

8. May negotiate and execute agreements with public or private
entities which are necessary to the exercise of the powers and duties
of the Director or the Department.

10 May establish a trust account in the State Treasury for 9. 11 depositing and accounting for money that is held in escrow or is on 12 deposit with the Department for the payment of any direct expenses 13 incurred by the Director in connection with any bond programs 14 administered by the Director. The interest and income earned on 15 money in the trust account, less any amount deducted to pay for 16 applicable charges, must be credited to the trust account. Any 17 balance remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year may be:

(a) Carried forward to the next fiscal year for use in covering the
 expense for which it was originally received; or

20 (b) Returned to any person entitled thereto in accordance with 21 agreements or regulations of the Director relating to those bond 22 programs.

23 Sec. 3. Chapter 118B of NRS is hereby amended by adding 24 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4 and 5 of this act.

25 Sec. 4. "Deputy Administrator" means the chief of the 26 Section.

27 Sec. 5. "Section" means the Manufactured Housing Section 28 of the Housing Division of the Department of Business and 29 Industry.

30 Sec. 6. NRS 118B.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

118B.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
requires, the words and terms defined in NRS [118B.011]
118B.0111 to 118B.0195, inclusive, *and sections 4 and 5 of this act*have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 7. NRS 118B.024 is hereby amended to read as follows:

118B.024 1. The *Deputy* Administrator shall adopt
regulations to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

2. To carry out the provisions of this chapter, the *Deputy* Administrator may, upon receiving a complaint alleging a violation of this chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto:

(a) Issue subpoenas for the production of books, papers anddocuments which are strictly relevant to the complaint;

43 (b) Mediate grievances between landlords and tenants of 44 manufactured home parks; and





(c) Make inspections and provide technical services necessary to 1 2 administer the provisions of this chapter.

The **Deputy** Administrator or his or her representative may 3 inspect at reasonable times in a reasonable manner the premises and 4 5 books, papers, records and documents which are required to enforce 6 the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 8. NRS 118B.026 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 118B.026 1. The *Deputy* Administrator may, upon receiving a complaint alleging a violation of this chapter or any regulation 9 10 adopted pursuant thereto, investigate the alleged violation. The **Deputy** Administrator or his or her representative shall, upon 11 12 request, furnish identification during an investigation. Except as 13 otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, any information obtained by 14 the **Deputy** Administrator or his or her representative in the 15 investigation of a complaint, including the name of the complainant, 16 is confidential and must not be disclosed unless so ordered by the 17 **Deputy** Administrator or a court of competent jurisdiction.

18 2. If the **Deputy** Administrator finds a violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any regulation adopted pursuant 19 20 thereto, the *Deputy* Administrator may issue a notice of violation to 21 the person who the **Deputy** Administrator alleges has violated the 22 provision. The notice of violation must set forth the violation which 23 the **Deputy** Administrator alleges with particularity and specify the 24 corrective action which is to be taken and the time within which the 25 action must be taken.

26 3. If the person to whom a notice of violation is directed fails 27 to take the corrective action required, the **Deputy** Administrator 28 may: 29

(a) Extend the time for corrective action:

30 (b) Request the district attorney of the county in which the 31 violation is alleged to have occurred to prepare a complaint and 32 procure the issuance of a summons to the person for the violation; or

33 (c) Apply to the district court for the judicial district in which the violation is alleged to have occurred for an injunction and any 34 other relief which the court may grant to compel compliance. In an 35 36 action brought pursuant to this section, the court may award costs 37 and reasonable attorney's fees to the prevailing party.

→ The *Deputy* Administrator may, in addition to or in lieu of any 38 action authorized by paragraph (a), (b) or (c), impose a fine pursuant 39 to NRS 118B.251. 40

41 Any person who violates a provision of this chapter, or a 4. 42 regulation adopted pursuant thereto, shall pay for the cost incurred 43 by the **[division]** Section in enforcing the provision.





Sec. 9. NRS 118B.089 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 118B.089 1. The *Deputy* Administrator may impose a fine of not more than \$500 against a landlord of a manufactured home park 3 who employs a manager or assistant manager who has not 4 completed the course of continuing education required by 5 6 NRS 118B.086.

7 2. The **Deputy** Administrator shall, before imposing the fine, 8 notify the landlord of the manufactured home park by certified mail 9 that the **Deputy** Administrator will impose the fine unless the 10 landlord, within 30 days after the notice is mailed, shows cause why 11 the fine should not be imposed.

12 3. If the **Deputy** Administrator imposes the fine, the **Deputy** 13 Administrator shall notify the landlord of the manufactured home 14 park by certified mail.

15 The imposition of a fine pursuant to this section is a final 4. 16 decision for the purposes of judicial review. 17

Sec. 10. NRS 118B.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 118B.185 1. Each owner of a manufactured home park shall pay to the **[division]** Section an annual fee established by the 19 20 **Deputy** Administrator which must not exceed \$5 for each lot within 21 that park.

22 If an owner fails to pay the fee within 30 days after receiving 2. written notice of its amount, a penalty of 50 percent of the amount 23 of the fee must be added. The owner is not entitled to any 24 25 reimbursement of this penalty from his or her tenants.

26 All fees collected by the [Division] Section pursuant to 3. 27 subsection 1 must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the 28 Account for Regulating Manufactured Home Parks within the Fund 29 for Manufactured Housing created pursuant to NRS 489.491. All 30 expenses related to the regulation of manufactured home parks must 31 be paid from the Account. The Account must not be used for any 32 other purpose. Claims against the Account must be paid as other 33 claims against the State are paid.

Sec. 11. NRS 118B.213 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 118B.213 1. In addition to the fee established pursuant to NRS 118B.185, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the 36 37 owner of a manufactured home park that is operated for profit shall pay to the [Division] Section an annual fee of \$12 for each lot 38 39 within the park. The owner shall not impose a fee or surcharge to 40 recover from his or her tenants the costs resulting from the annual 41 fee per lot paid pursuant to this subsection, or any related penalty.

42 2. The *Deputy* Administrator shall notify the owner of each manufactured home park that is operated for profit in this state on or 43 44 before July 1 of each year of the fee imposed pursuant to this 45 section.



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If on May 15 of that year the balance in the Fund which is 1 3. 2 attributable to deposits pursuant to this section exceeds \$1,000,000, 3 the **Deputy** Administrator shall not charge or collect a fee pursuant to this section. The **Deputy** Administrator shall resume the 4 collection in any year when the balance on May 15 is less than 5 \$750,000. The Deputy Administrator shall request the State 6 Treasurer to inform the **Deputy** Administrator of the applicable 7 balance of the Fund on May 15 of each year. 8

9 4. If an owner fails to pay the fee within 30 days after receiving 10 written notice from the *Deputy* Administrator to do so, a penalty of 11 50 percent of the amount of the fee must be added.

5. All fees and penalties collected by the [Division] Section
 pursuant to this section must be deposited in the State Treasury for
 credit to the Fund.

15 Sec. 12. NRS 118B.2155 is hereby amended to read as 16 follows:

17 118B.2155 Each application for assistance from the Fund must 18 include:

1. A statement that an applicant who fails to report:

(a) Information required to be included in the application which
 the applicant knew at the time the applicant signed the application;
 or

(b) A change in his or her eligibility pursuant to NRS 118B.218,
→ may be personally liable to the [Division] Section for any assistance incorrectly paid to him or her.

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The provisions of NRS 118B.219.
 Sec. 13. NRS 118B.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

118B.216 1. The [Division] *Section* shall notify an applicant for or recipient of assistance from the Fund of its decision to deny or terminate assistance by mailing to the applicant or recipient a notice of its decision by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the applicant or recipient. The notice must:

33 (a) Specify the reasons for the denial or termination of 34 assistance; and

(b) Contain a statement informing the applicant or recipient that
a hearing will be provided if a written request for a hearing is filed
by the applicant or recipient within 20 days after the applicant or
recipient receives the notice.

2. An applicant or recipient may, within 20 days after the applicant or recipient receives notice pursuant to subsection 1, file a written request for a hearing with the [Division.] Section. If the [Division] Section does not receive a request for a hearing within 20 days after the applicant or recipient receives the notice pursuant to subsection 1, the [Division's] Section's decision becomes final and is not subject to judicial review.





3. If an applicant for or recipient of assistance requests a 1 2 hearing within 20 days after the applicant or recipient receives notice pursuant to subsection 1, a hearing must be conducted before 3 4 a hearing officer appointed by the Director of the Department of Business and Industry or a person designated by the Director within 5 6 60 days after receipt of the request. The [Division] Section shall 7 notify the applicant or recipient of the time, place and date of the 8 hearing. An applicant whose application for assistance has been 9 denied has the burden of proving that the applicant is entitled to 10 receive assistance. The **[Division]** Section has the burden of proving 11 the grounds for terminating the assistance provided to a recipient.

12 The hearing officer shall issue a decision within 30 days 4. 13 after the hearing and mail a copy of the decision to the applicant or recipient. The decision of the hearing officer is a final decision for 14 15 purposes of judicial review.

16 Sec. 14. NRS 118B.2185 is hereby amended to read as 17 follows:

18 118B.2185 The [Division] Section may recover from a person 19 who receives assistance from the Fund an amount not to exceed the 20 assistance incorrectly paid to him or her if the person failed to 21 report:

22 1. Information required to be included in the application which 23 the person knew at the time the person signed the application; or

24 2. Any change in his or her eligibility pursuant to 25 NRS 118B.218.

Sec. 15. NRS 118B.219 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 118B.219 1. Any person who knowingly, by any false 28 pretense, false or misleading statement, impersonation or 29 misrepresentation, obtains or attempts to obtain with the intent to 30 cheat or defraud the [Division] Section assistance from the Fund in 31 an amount of \$100 or more is personally liable for: 32

(a) Any assistance incorrectly paid to that person;

33 (b) The costs of any investigation conducted by the [Division] Section to determine whether that person received assistance 34 35 incorrectly;

36 (c) Court costs;

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(d) Attorney's fees; and

(e) A civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.

The [Division] Section may bring an action to recover a civil 39 40 penalty imposed pursuant to subsection 1 and shall deposit any 41 money recovered with the State Treasurer for credit to the Fund. 42

Sec. 16. NRS 118B.251 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 118B.251 1. The *Deputy* Administrator may impose a fine of 44 not more than \$1,000 against any person who violates any of the 45 provisions of this chapter.





2. The **Deputy** Administrator shall, before imposing the fine, 1 2 notify the person by certified mail that the **Deputy** Administrator will impose a fine for the violation unless the person requests a 3 hearing within 20 days after the notice is mailed. 4

3. If a hearing is requested, the *Deputy* Administrator shall 5 hold a hearing pursuant to the provisions of NRS 233B.121 to 6 7 233B.150, inclusive.

8 4. If a hearing is not requested within the prescribed period and 9 the matter is not otherwise resolved, the **Deputy** Administrator shall 10 impose the fine and notify the person by certified mail.

5. The decision of the **Deputy** Administrator to impose a fine 11 12 pursuant to this section is a final decision for the purposes of 13 judicial review. 14

Sec. 17. NRS 118B.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 118B.260 Any landlord who violates any of the provisions of 16 this chapter and any other person who violates NRS 118B.210:

17 1. For the first violation, shall pay a civil penalty of not more 18 than \$1,000.

2. For the second violation, shall pay a civil penalty of not 19 20 more than \$2,500.

3. For the third or subsequent violation, shall pay a civil 21 22 penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation.

23 \rightarrow If a civil penalty is imposed pursuant to this section, the costs of the proceeding, including investigative costs and attorney's fees, 24 25 must be recovered by the *Deputy* Administrator, if possible.

Sec. 18. Chapter 489 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 26 27 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 19 and 20 of this act.

Sec. 19. "Deputy Administrator" means the chief of the 28 29 Section.

30 Sec. 20. "Section" means the Manufactured Housing 31 Section of the Housing Division of the Department of Business 32 and Industry.

Sec. 21. NRS 489.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 34 489.031 35 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS [489.036] 489.043 to 489.155, inclusive, and sections 19 and 20 of this act have the 36 37 meanings ascribed to them in those sections. 38

Sec. 22. NRS 489.231 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 1. To carry out the provisions of this chapter, the 489.231 40 **Deputy** Administrator may:

41 (a) Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the 42 production of books, papers and documents; and

(b) Conduct hearings. 43

44 2. The **Deputy** Administrator may apply for and receive grants 45 from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for





1 developing and carrying out a plan for enforcement and administration of federal standards of safety and construction 2 3 respecting manufactured homes offered for sale or lease in this state. 3. The *Deputy* Administrator may adopt regulations to ensure 4 5 acceptance by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of 6 the state plan for administration and enforcement of federal 7 standards of safety and construction respecting manufactured homes 8 accordance with the National Manufactured Housing in 9 Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5401 10 et seq.

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The *Deputy* Administrator may: 4.

12 (a) Make inspections; 13

(b) Approve plans and specifications;

14 (c) Provide technical services:

(d) Issue licenses, permits, certificates of ownership and 15 16 certificates and labels of compliance and installation;

(e) Enter into reciprocal agreements with other states or private 17 18 organizations that adopt and maintain standards reasonably 19 consistent with this chapter; 20

(f) Collect the fees provided for in this chapter; and

21 (g) Adopt regulations necessary to carry out his or her duties 22 under this chapter.

23 5. The **Deputy** Administrator or a representative of the **Deputy** 24 Administrator may enter, at reasonable times and without notice, 25 any mobile home park or place of business or any factory, warehouse or establishment in which manufactured homes, mobile 26 27 homes, travel trailers, manufactured buildings or factory-built housing are manufactured, stored or held for sale or distribution and 28 29 inspect at reasonable times in a reasonable manner the premises and 30 books, papers, records and documents which are relevant to the 31 manufacture, distribution and sale of manufactured homes, mobile homes, travel trailers, manufactured buildings or factory-built 32 33 housing and compliance with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5401 34 35 et seq., this chapter and chapter 461 of NRS, and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and to compliance by landlords of mobile 36 37 home parks with the prohibition in NRS 118B.140 against charging or receiving any entrance or exit fee. A magistrate shall issue a 38 39 warrant to permit an inspection if the **Deputy** Administrator has 40 shown:

41 (a) Evidence that a violation of a provision of this chapter or of 42 the prohibition in NRS 118B.140 against charging or receiving any 43 entrance or exit fee has been committed or is being committed; or





1 (b) That the business has been chosen for an inspection on the 2 basis of a general administrative plan for the enforcement of the 3 provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 23. NRS 489.291 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 1. If the *Deputy* Administrator finds a violation of 489.291 this chapter or of the prohibition in NRS 118B.140 against charging 6 7 or receiving an entrance or exit fee, or of any regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter, the *Deputy* Administrator may issue a 8 notice of violation to the person alleged to have violated the 9 provision. The notice of violation must set forth the violation which 10 11 the **Deputy** Administrator alleges with particularity and specify the 12 corrective action which is to be taken and the time within which 13 the action must be taken. If the person is alleged to have violated the 14 prohibition in NRS 118B.140 against charging or receiving an 15 entrance or exit fee, the notice of violation must specify that the fee 16 be repaid in full, and may specify any other corrective action which 17 the **Deputy** Administrator deems necessary.

18 2. Any person who fails to take the corrective action required 19 in a notice of violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and the *Deputy* 20 Administrator may:

(a) Apply to the district court for the judicial district in which
 the violation is alleged to have occurred for an injunction and any
 other relief which the court may grant to compel compliance;

(b) Request that the district attorney of the county in which the violation is alleged to have occurred prosecute the person for the violation;

(c) If the person is alleged to have violated the prohibition in
NRS 118B.140 against charging or receiving an entrance or exit fee,
assess a penalty against the person equal to three times the amount
of the fee which was charged or received; or

(d) If the person is alleged to have violated NRS 489.311 and
while acting without a license is alleged to have caused damage to a
mobile home, manufactured home or commercial coach, require that
the person reimburse the owner of the mobile home, manufactured
home or commercial coach for the cost of repairing such damage
and assess a penalty against that person equal to the estimated cost
of such repairs.

38 3. The assessment of a penalty pursuant to paragraph (c) or (d) 39 of subsection 2 is a contested case.

40 4. Any person who is found to have violated a provision of this 41 chapter, the prohibition in NRS 118B.140 against charging or 42 receiving an entrance or exit fee, or a regulation adopted pursuant to 43 this chapter, is liable for the cost incurred by the [Division] Section 44 in enforcing the provision or regulation.





1 Sec. 24. NRS 489.381 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The [Division] Section may impose an administrative 2 489.381 3 fine of not more than \$1,000 per violation, and may deny, suspend or revoke any license issued under this chapter or reissue the license 4 5 subject to reasonable conditions upon any of the grounds set forth in 6 NRS 489.391 to 489.421, inclusive, which constitute grounds for 7 disciplinary action. If discipline is imposed pursuant to this section, the costs of the proceeding, including investigative costs and 8 9 attorney's fees, may be recovered by the [Division.] Section.

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Sec. 25. NRS 489.423 is hereby amended to read as follows:

489.423 1. Upon a finding that a licensed dealer or 11 12 distributor knew, or by the exercise of reasonable care and diligence 13 should have known, of any unlawful act or violation of a provision 14 of this chapter by a salesperson, general serviceperson, specialty 15 serviceperson or any other person who is employed by or associated 16 with the licensed dealer or distributor, the **Deputy** Administrator 17 may suspend or revoke the license of the licensed dealer or 18 distributor and impose an administrative fine upon him or her of not 19 more than \$1,000.

20 2. Upon a finding that a licensed dealer or distributor failed to adequate supervision of a salesperson, 21 maintain general 22 serviceperson or specialty serviceperson who, while employed by or 23 associated with the licensed dealer or distributor, committed any 24 unlawful act or violated a provision of this chapter, the **Deputy** 25 Administrator may suspend or revoke the license of the licensed 26 dealer or distributor and impose an administrative fine upon him or 27 her of not more than \$1,000.

28 3. Upon a finding that a licensed general serviceperson or specialty serviceperson knew, or by the exercise of reasonable care 29 30 and diligence should have known, of any unlawful act or violation 31 of a provision of this chapter by any person who is employed by or associated with the licensed general serviceperson or specialty 32 serviceperson, the *Deputy* Administrator may suspend or revoke the 33 34 license of the licensed general serviceperson or specialty 35 serviceperson and impose an administrative fine upon him or her of not more than \$1,000. 36

37 Sec. 26. NRS 489.431 is hereby amended to read as follows:

489.431 1. The *Deputy* Administrator may on his or her own motion, and shall upon receiving a complaint, investigate the actions of any licensee or any other person who assumes to act in the capacity of a licensee in this State. A complaint must be verified and filed with the [Division] *Section* within 2 years after the act complained of.

44 2. If the *Deputy* Administrator finds that the licensee or other 45 person has acted in violation of this chapter, and that the violation is





not repeated or continuing, the *Deputy* Administrator may attempt
 to secure a correction of the violation or satisfaction for the
 complainant from the licensee or other person. If the *Deputy* Administrator's attempt fails or if the *Deputy* Administrator
 determines that disciplinary action is necessary, the *Deputy* Administrator may take disciplinary action.

3. If the *Deputy* Administrator finds that the violation is being
repeatedly or continuously committed, or if in the *Deputy*Administrator's discretion the violation warrants disciplinary action,
the *Deputy* Administrator may take disciplinary action without
seeking correction or satisfaction.

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Sec. 27. NRS 489.436 is hereby amended to read as follows:

489.436 1. The *Deputy* Administrator or a designee of the
 Deputy Administrator shall issue an order to cease and desist to any
 person or combination of persons who:

(a) Engages in the business or acts in the capacity of a licensee
within this State, including, without limitation, commencing any
work for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter; or

19 (b) Submits a bid or enters into a contract for a job located 20 within this State for which a license is required pursuant to this 21 chapter,

without having a license issued pursuant to this chapter, unless
 that person or combination of persons is exempt from licensure
 pursuant to this chapter. The order must be served personally or by
 certified mail and is effective upon receipt.

If it appears that any person or combination of persons has 26 2. 27 engaged in acts or practices which constitute a violation of this 28 chapter or the violation of an order issued pursuant to subsection 1, 29 the **Deputy** Administrator may request the Attorney General, the 30 district attorney of the county in which the alleged violation 31 occurred or the district attorney of any other county in which that person or combination of persons maintains a place of business or 32 33 resides, to apply on behalf of the **Deputy** Administrator to the 34 district court for an injunction restraining the person or combination 35 of persons from acting in violation of this chapter. Upon a proper 36 showing, a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction or a 37 permanent injunction may be granted. The *Deputy* Administrator, as plaintiff in the action, is not required to prove any irreparable injury. 38

39 3. In seeking injunctive relief against any person or 40 combination of persons for an alleged violation of this chapter, it is 41 sufficient to allege that the person or combination of persons, upon a 42 certain day and in a certain county of this State:

(a) Engaged in the business or acted in the capacity of a licenseewithin this State; or





1 (b) Submitted a bid or entered into a contract for a job located 2 within this State for which a license is required pursuant to this 3 chapter,

4 \rightarrow and the person or combination of persons did not have a license 5 issued pursuant to this chapter and was not exempt from licensure 6 pursuant to this chapter, without alleging any further or more 7 particular facts concerning the matter.

8 4. The issuance of a restraining order or an injunction does not 9 relieve the person or combination of persons against whom the 10 restraining order or injunction is issued from criminal prosecution 11 for practicing without a license.

5. If the court finds that any person or combination of persons has willfully violated an order issued pursuant to subsection 1, it shall impose a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation of the order.

Sec. 28. NRS 489.801 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 489.801 1. It is unlawful for any person to manufacture any 18 manufactured home, mobile home, travel trailer or commercial 19 coach unless the manufactured home, mobile home, travel trailer or 20 commercial coach and its components and systems are constructed 21 and assembled according to the standards prescribed pursuant to the 22 provisions of this chapter.

23 2. It is unlawful for any person knowingly to sell or offer for
24 sale any manufactured home which has been constructed on or after
25 June 15, 1976, unless the manufactured home and its components
26 and systems have been constructed and assembled according to the
27 standards prescribed pursuant to the National Manufactured
28 Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
29 §§ 5401 et seq.).

30 3. Any person who knowingly sells or offers to sell in this state 31 any manufactured home, mobile home or commercial coach for 32 which a certificate or label of compliance is required under this 33 chapter, which does not bear a certificate or label of compliance, is 34 liable for the penalties provided in NRS 489.811 and 489.821.

4. It is unlawful for any person to issue a certification which states that a manufactured home conforms to all applicable federal standards for safety and construction if that person, in the exercise of due care, has reason to know that the certification is false or misleading in any material respect.

5. It is unlawful for a manufacturer to fail to furnish
notification of defects relating to construction or safety, as required
by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Act
of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5414).





6. It is unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to permit access 1 2 by the *Deputy* Administrator to the documentary materials set forth 3 in NRS 489.231.

7. It is unlawful for any person, without authorization from the 4 5 [Division,] Section, to disclose or obtain the contents of an 6 examination given by the **Division**. Section.

8. It is unlawful for any person to use a manufactured home or 7 mobile home as living quarters or for human occupancy, 8 respectively, if the manufactured home or mobile home violates a 9 10 standard of safety set forth in regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 489.251, concerning installation, tie down, and 11 support of manufactured homes and mobile homes. 12

Sec. 29. NRS 489.806 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 489.806 1. It is unlawful for any person or combination of 15 persons to:

16 (a) Engage in the business or act in the capacity of a licensee 17 within this State, including, without limitation, commencing any 18 work for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter; or

(b) Submit a bid or enter into a contract for a job located within 19 20 this State for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter,

21 \rightarrow without having a license issued pursuant to this chapter, unless 22 that person or combination of persons is exempt from licensure 23 pursuant to this chapter.

24 2. The district attorneys in this State shall prosecute all 25 violations of this section which occur in their respective counties, unless the violations are prosecuted by the Attorney General. Upon 26 27 the request of the *Deputy* Administrator, the Attorney General shall 28 prosecute any violation of this section in lieu of prosecution by the 29 district attorney.

30 3. In addition to any other remedy or penalty authorized pursuant to this chapter, any person or combination of persons 31 32 convicted of violating any provision of subsection 1 may be 33 required to pay: 34

(a) Court costs and the costs of prosecution;

35 (b) Reasonable costs of the investigation of the violation to the 36 [Division;] Section;

37 (c) Damages the person or combination of persons caused as a result of the violation up to the amount of any pecuniary gain from 38 39 the violation: or

40 (d) Any combination of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

If any person or combination of persons submits a bid or 41 42 enters into a contract in violation of subsection 1, the bid or contract 43 shall be deemed void.





Sec. 30. NRS 489.811 is hereby amended to read as follows:

489.811 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, any 2 person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter is liable to 3 the State for a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each 4 violation. Each violation of this chapter or any regulation or order 5 6 issued under it constitutes a separate violation with respect to each 7 manufactured home, mobile home, manufactured building, commercial coach or factory-built housing and with respect to each 8 failure or refusal to allow or perform an act required by this chapter 9 10 or regulation or order, except that the maximum civil penalty is \$1,000,000 for any related series of violations occurring within 1 11 vear after the first violation. 12

13 2. Before the adoption of any regulation for whose violation a 14 civil penalty may be imposed, the *Deputy* Administrator shall give 15 at least 30 days' written notice to every licensed manufacturer, 16 dealer. distributor. general serviceperson and specialty 17 serviceperson, and every other interested party who has requested the notice. 18

19 An action to enforce a civil penalty must be brought in a 3. 20 court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the defendant 21 has his or her principal place of business.

22 All money collected as civil penalties pursuant to the 4. provisions of this chapter must be deposited in the State General 23 24 Fund.

25 5. This section does not apply to a manufacturer, distributor or 26 dealer of travel trailers. 27

Sec. 31. NRS 489.814 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. If any person or combination of persons violates 28 489.814 29 the provisions of NRS 489.311 or subsection 1 of NRS 489.806, the 30 **Deputy** Administrator may impose an administrative fine of not less 31 than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 for each violation.

32 2. An administrative fine imposed pursuant to this section is in 33 addition to any other remedy or penalty authorized pursuant to this 34 chapter.

35 3. If the administrative fine is not paid when due, the fine must 36 be recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General on 37 behalf of the *Deputy* Administrator. 38

Sec. 32. NRS 489.821 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 489.821 1. A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who knowingly: 40

(a) Makes any false entry on any certificate of origin or 41 42 certificate of ownership.

43 (b) Furnishes false information to the [Division] Section 44 concerning any security interest.





(c) Files with the *Deputy* Administrator any notice, statement or 1 2 other document required under the provisions of this chapter which is false or contains any material misstatement of fact. 3

4 (d) Whether acting individually or as a director, officer or agent of a corporation, violates a provision of the National Manufactured 5 6 Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 7 §§ 5401 et seq., this chapter and chapter 461 of NRS, and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, causing a condition which 8 9 endangers the health or safety of a purchaser of a manufactured 10 home. 11

2. A dealer is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who knowingly:

12 (a) Fails to maintain a trust account as required by 13 NRS 489.724.

14 (b) Commingles the money or other property of a seller or 15 purchaser of a manufactured home, manufactured building or 16 mobile home or factory-built housing with his or her own.

(c) Fails to cooperate or comply with or knowingly impedes or 17 18 interferes with any investigation or audit conducted by the [Division] Section pursuant to NRS 489.7235. 19

20 (d) Acts as a dealer while insolvent or engages in any financial 21 practice which creates a substantial risk of insolvency.

22 Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who 3. knowingly or willfully violates any provision of this chapter is 23 24 guilty of a misdemeanor.

25 4. Subsection 3 does not apply to a manufacturer of travel 26 trailers.

27 Sec. 33. NRS 118B.011, 118B.012, 489.036 and 489.091 are 28 hereby repealed.

29 Sec. 34. 1. Any administrative regulations adopted by the 30 Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and 31 Industry or the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division 32 of the Department of Business and Industry remain in force until 33 amended by the Manufactured Housing Section of the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry or the Deputy 34 35 Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Section of the Housing 36 Division of the Department of Business and Industry, respectively.

37 Any contracts or other agreements entered into by the 2. Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and 38 Industry or the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division 39 40 of the Department of Business and Industry are binding upon the 41 Manufactured Housing Section of the Housing Division of the 42 Department of Business and Industry or the Deputy Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Section of the Housing Division of the 43 44 Department of Business and Industry, respectively. Such contracts 45 and other agreements may be enforced by the Deputy Administrator





of the Manufactured Housing Section of the Housing Division of the
 Department of Business and Industry, as applicable.

Any action taken by the Manufactured Housing Division of 3 the Department of Business and Industry or the Administrator of the 4 5 Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and 6 Industry remains in effect as if taken by the Manufactured Housing Section of the Housing Division of the Department of Business and 7 Industry or the Deputy Administrator of the Manufactured Housing 8 9 Section of the Housing Division of the Department of Business and 10 Industry, respectively.

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Sec. 35. The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing:

12 The reprint and supplement to the Nevada Revised Statutes 1. 13 with respect to any section which is not amended by this act or 14 adopted or amended by another act, appropriately change any 15 references to an officer, agency or other entity whose name is 16 changed or whose duties are transferred pursuant to the provisions 17 of this act to refer to the appropriate officer, agency or other entity. 18 If any internal reference is made to a section repealed by this act, the 19 Legislative Counsel shall delete the reference and replace it by 20 reference to the superseding section, if any.

21 2. Supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, 22 appropriately change any references to an officer, agency or other 23 entity whose name is changed or whose duties are transferred 24 pursuant to the provisions of this act to refer to the appropriate 25 officer, agency or other entity.

26 Sec. 36. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

118B.011"Administrator" defined.118B.012"Division" defined.489.036"Administrator" defined.489.091"Division" defined.



