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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

Introduced By: Representatives Cortvriend, Speakman, McGaw, and Edwards

Date Introduced: February 21, 2023

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-44-1.7 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-44 entitled "Mobile and  
2 Manufactured Homes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-44-1.7. Mobile and manufactured home park operation — License.**

4 (a) A person shall not operate a mobile and manufactured home park without a license.

5 (b) Upon completion, review, and approval of certifications, the ~~department of business~~  
6 ~~regulation~~ secretary of housing shall grant a license to operate a mobile and manufactured home  
7 park.

8 (c) An annual license shall be granted and renewed by the ~~department~~ secretary of housing  
9 based upon the filing of:

10 (1) Leases and regulations that are applicable to the park;

11 (2) Certification by the municipality in which the park is located that it is in compliance  
12 with all applicable land use regulations of the municipality;

13 (3) Certification from the appropriate state agencies or municipal departments that the park  
14 has an adequate and operational sewage disposal system and water supply and that all applicable  
15 state and local taxes have been paid;

16 (4) Payment of an annual fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per occupied site in the park; and

17 (5) The applicant files a fee schedule with the ~~department~~ secretary of housing.

18 (d) Certifications for individual sewage disposal systems (ISDS) regulated by the

1 department of environmental management shall be provided by an ISDS designer, licensed  
2 pursuant to § 5-56-1, who possesses the appropriate class of license for the type and size of system  
3 to be certified and any costs for these certifications shall be the responsibility of the licensee. The  
4 director of the department may by regulation provide for additional requirements and may place  
5 reasonable conditions on the grant of any license.

6 (e) If a person submits a timely application for renewal of a license and pays the appropriate  
7 fees, the person may continue to operate a mobile and manufactured home park unless notified that  
8 the application for renewal is not approved. In the event anyone is denied a license he or she will  
9 be afforded a hearing before the ~~department~~ [secretary of housing](#).

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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- 1           This act would remove the department of business regulation as the licensing authority for
- 2 mobile homes and place the authority with the secretary of housing.
- 3           This act would take effect on on January 1, 2025.

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