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HOUSE BILL 2904

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1 AN ACT Relating to minimum health and safety requirements in mobile  
2 home parks; adding new sections to chapter 59.20 RCW; and creating a  
3 new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the  
6 number of complaints over unsanitary and unhealthy conditions in mobile  
7 home parks continues to grow. Although the state board of health is  
8 responsible for adopting rules that set health and sanitation standards  
9 for mobile home parks, mobile home parks are infrequently inspected.  
10 It is the intent of the legislature to establish a mechanism to ensure  
11 that the infrastructure in mobile home parks is inspected on a regular  
12 basis so that minimum health and safety standards are being met.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 59.20 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) A person shall not operate a mobile home park without a  
4 certificate of compliance as provided in subsection (4) of this  
5 section.

6        (2) The local health officer of the jurisdiction in which a mobile  
7 home park is located shall inspect the mobile home park at least once  
8 every four years.    The health officer shall ensure that minimum  
9 standards are being met for:

10        (a) Water supply system;

11        (b) Sewage collection and disposal system;

12        (c) Drainage;

13        (d) Garbage and refuse storage and disposal;

14        (e) Insect and rodent control; and

15        (f) Any other standards set forth by the state board of health.

16        (3) Following the inspection of a mobile home park, written notice  
17 of any violations shall be given to the park-owner, or to the tenant if  
18 applicable.    Violations of this section shall be handled in accordance  
19 with RCW 59.20.190.

20        (4) If the local health officer finds that the minimum health and  
21 sanitation standards are met in the park, the health officer shall  
22 provide the park-owner with a certificate of compliance.

23        (5) The health department or health district responsible for  
24 conducting inspections of mobile home parks under this section and RCW  
25 59.20.190 shall establish the fee to be charged the park-owner for an  
26 inspection of the park.    The amount of the fee shall cover the costs of  
27 the inspection.

28        (6) Nothing in this section shall require a health officer to  
29 inspect individual mobile homes.    The local health officer may inspect

1 how an individual mobile home connects to a water supply or sewerage  
2 disposal system.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 59.20 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 The health department or health district responsible for conducting  
6 inspections under section 2 of this act shall establish a schedule for  
7 inspecting mobile home parks. Each mobile home park must be inspected  
8 within four years after the effective date of this act. Mobile home  
9 parks that have not been inspected may continue to operate without a  
10 certificate of compliance until an inspection is conducted.