### ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 539–COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

APRIL 16, 2009

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Transfers the powers and duties of the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry to the Housing Division of the Department. (BDR 18-1202)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to state government; transferring the powers and duties of the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry to the Housing Division of the Department; transferring the powers and duties of the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division to the Administrator of the Housing Division; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires the chief of each division of the Department of Business and Industry to administer certain provisions of law relating to his division, subject to the administrative supervision of the Director of the Department. (NRS 232.530) Existing law requires the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department to carry out certain provisions of NRS relating to manufactured homes, manufactured home parks, mobile homes and mobile home parks. (NRS 118B.024, 461A.080, 489.231) Existing law authorizes the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division to carry out certain provisions of NRS relating to manufactured buildings. (NRS 461.250) **Sections 1-31** of this bill transfer the powers and duties of the Manufactured Housing Division and its Administrator to the Housing Division and its Administrator, respectively.



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

**Section 1.** NRS 232.510 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1 2 232.510 1. The Department of Business and Industry is 3 hereby created. 4

- The Department consists of a Director and the following:
- (a) Consumer Affairs Division.
- (b) Division of Financial Institutions.
- 7 (c) Housing Division.

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- 8 (d) Manufactured Housing Division.
- 9 (e) Real Estate Division.
- 10 (e) Division of Insurance.
- $\frac{(g)}{(f)}$  Division of Industrial Relations. 11
- 12 (g) Office of Labor Commissioner.
- (h) Taxicab Authority. 13
- 14 (i) Nevada Athletic Commission.
  - (i) Office of the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers.
- (k) Nevada Transportation Authority. 16
  - (m) (l) Division of Mortgage Lending.

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

- Sec. 2. NRS 232.520 is hereby amended to read as follows: 232.520 The Director:
- Shall appoint a chief or executive director, or both of them, 26 of each of the divisions, offices, commissions, boards, agencies or 27 other entities of the Department, unless the authority to appoint such a chief or executive director, or both of them, is expressly vested in 28 another person, board or commission by a specific statute. In 29 making the appointments, the Director may obtain lists of qualified 30 31 persons from professional organizations, associations or other groups recognized by the Department, if any. The chief of the 32 Consumer Affairs Division is the Commissioner of Consumer 33
- 34 Affairs, the chief of the Division of Financial Institutions is the
- 35 Commissioner of Financial Institutions, the chief of the Housing
- 36 Division is the Administrator of the Housing Division, [the chief of
- 37 the Manufactured Housing Division is the Administrator of the
- Manufactured Housing Division,] the chief of the Real Estate 38
- 39 Division is the Real Estate Administrator, the chief of the Division
- of Insurance is the Commissioner of Insurance, the chief of the 40
- 41 Division of Industrial Relations is the Administrator of the Division
- of Industrial Relations, the chief of the Office of Labor 42





Commissioner is the Labor Commissioner, the chief of the Taxicab Authority is the Taxicab Administrator, the chief of the Nevada Transportation Authority is the Chairman of the Authority, the chief of the Division of Mortgage Lending is the Commissioner of Mortgage 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 a specific statute.

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

# 3. May:

- (a) Establish uniform policies for the Department, consistent with the policies and statutory responsibilities and duties of the divisions and other entities within the Department, relating to matters concerning budgeting, accounting, planning, program development, personnel, information services, dispute resolution, travel, workplace safety, the acceptance of gifts or donations, the management of records and any other subject for which a uniform departmental policy is necessary to ensure the efficient operation of 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.
- 4. May, within the limits of the financial resources made available to him, promote, participate in the operation of, and create or cause to be created, any nonprofit corporation, pursuant to chapter 82 of NRS, which he determines is necessary or convenient for the exercise of the powers and duties of the Department. The purposes, powers and operation of the corporation must be consistent with the purposes, powers and duties of the Department.





- 5. For any bonds which he 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 him 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.
- 7. May designate any person within the Department to perform any of the duties or responsibilities, or exercise any of the authority, of the Director on his 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.
- 9. May establish a trust account in the State Treasury for depositing and accounting for money that is held in escrow or is on deposit with the Department for the payment of any direct expenses incurred by the Director in connection with any bond programs administered by the Director. The interest and income earned on money in the trust account, less any amount deducted to pay for applicable charges, must be credited to the trust account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year may be:
- 25 (a) Carried forward to the next fiscal year for use in covering the expense for which it was originally received; or
  - (b) Returned to any person entitled thereto in accordance with agreements or regulations of the Director relating to those bond programs.
    - **Sec. 3.** NRS 108.2679 is hereby amended to read as follows: 108.2679 "Registered owner" means:
  - 1. A person whose name appears in the files of the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry as the person to whom the mobile home or manufactured home is registered, but does not include:
  - (a) A creditor who holds title to the mobile home or manufactured home; or
  - (b) The owner or holder of a lien encumbering the mobile home or manufactured home.
  - 2. A person whose name appears in the files of the Department of Motor Vehicles as the person to whom the vehicle is registered.
    - **Sec. 4.** NRS 108.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 108.272 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the notice of a lien must be given by delivery in person or by registered





or certified letter addressed to the last known place of business or abode of:

- (a) The legal owner and registered owner of the property.
- (b) Each person who holds a security interest in the property.
- (c) If the lien is on a mobile home or manufactured home, each person who is listed in the records of the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry as holding an ownership or other interest in the home.
- → If no address is known, the notice must be addressed to that person at the place where the lien claimant has his place of business.
- 2. Any person who claims a lien on aircraft, aircraft equipment or parts shall:
  - (a) Within 120 days after he furnishes supplies or services; or
- (b) Within 7 days after he receives an order to release the property,
- whichever time is less, serve the legal owner by mailing a copy of the notice of the lien to his last known address, or if no address is known, by leaving a copy with the clerk of the court in the county where the notice is filed.
  - 3. The notice must contain:

- (a) An itemized statement of the claim, showing the sum due at the time of the notice and the date when it became due.
- (b) A brief description of the motor vehicle, airplane, motorcycle, motor or airplane equipment, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home against which the lien exists.
- (c) A demand that the amount of the claim as stated in the notice, and of any further claim as may accrue, must be paid on or before a day mentioned.
- (d) A statement that unless the claim is paid within the time specified the motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home will be advertised for sale, and sold by auction at a specified time and place.
- 4. The lienholder shall determine a day for the purposes of the demand in paragraph (c) of subsection 3. The day mentioned must be:
- (a) Not less than 10 days after the delivery of the notice if it is personally delivered; or
- (b) Not less than 10 days after the time when the notice should reach its destination, according to the due course of post, if the notice is sent by mail.
  - **Sec. 5.** NRS 108.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 108.273 1. The [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry shall provide a notice of lien





on a mobile home or manufactured home and a notice of a sale by auction of a mobile home or manufactured home that complies with the requirements of NRS 108.270 to 108.367, inclusive.

2. A notice of lien on a mobile home or manufactured home or a notice of a sale by auction of a mobile home or manufactured home must be made on a form provided by the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry.

**Sec. 6.** NRS 108.2735 is hereby amended to read as follows:

108.2735 A lien asserted against a mobile home or manufactured home expires 1 year after it is filed with the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry.

**Sec. 7.** NRS 108.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

108.310 Subject to the provisions of NRS 108.315, the lien created in NRS 108.270 to 108.367, inclusive, may be satisfied as follows:

- 1. The lien claimant shall give written notice to the person on whose account the storing, maintaining, keeping, repairing, labor, fuel, supplies, facilities, services or accessories were made, done or given, and to any other person known to have or to claim an interest in the motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment, aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home, upon which the lien is asserted, and to the:
- (a) [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry with regard to mobile homes, manufactured homes and commercial coaches as defined in chapter 489 of NRS; or
- (b) Department of Motor Vehicles with regard to all other items included in this section.
- 2. In accordance with the terms of a notice so given, a sale by auction may be held to satisfy any valid claim which has become a lien on the motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment, aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home. The sale must be held in the place where the lien was acquired or, if that place is manifestly unsuitable for the purpose, at the nearest suitable place.
- 3. After the time for the payment of the claim specified in the notice has elapsed, an advertisement of the sale, describing the motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment, aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home to be sold, and stating the name of the owner or person on whose account it is held, and the time and place of the sale, must be published once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the place where the sale is to be held, but if no newspaper is published in that place, then in a newspaper





published in this State that has a general circulation in that place. The sale must not be held less than 22 days after the time of the first publication.

- 4. From the proceeds of the sale the lien claimant who furnished the services, labor, fuel, accessories, facilities or supplies shall satisfy his lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement and sale. The balance, if any, of the proceeds must be delivered, on demand, to the person to whom he would have been bound to deliver, or justified in delivering, the motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment, aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home.
  - **Sec. 8.** NRS 108.315 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 108.315 1. Any landlord who desires to enforce a lien for unpaid rent or rent and utilities under the provisions of NRS 108.270 to 108.367, inclusive, must within 15 days after the rent is 30 days past due, make a demand in writing upon the registered owner of the recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home, for the amount due, stating that a lien is claimed on the recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home. A copy of the demand must be sent to every holder of a security interest and every person who is listed in the records of the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry as holding an ownership or other interest in, and every tenant or subtenant of, the recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home, and to the:
- (a) [Manufactured] Housing Division, [of the Department of Business and Industry,] with regard to mobile homes and manufactured homes; or
- (b) Department of Motor Vehicles, with regard to recreational vehicles,
  - → by registered or certified mail.
  - 2. To obtain the name and address of a holder of a security interest or a person who is listed in the records of the [Manufactured] Housing Division [of the Department of Business and Industry] as holding an ownership or other interest in the recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home, the landlord shall, before making the demand for payment, request that information from the:
- (a) [Manufactured] Housing Division, [of the Department of Business and Industry,] with regard to mobile homes, manufactured homes and commercial coaches as defined in chapter 489 of NRS; or
- (b) Department of Motor Vehicles, with regard to all other vehicles,





- → and the state agency shall supply that information from its records. If the recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home is registered in another state, territory or country, the landlord shall, before making the demand for payment, obtain the information from the appropriate agency of that state, territory or country.
- 3. A landlord who enforces a lien for unpaid rent may recover an amount equal to:
  - (a) The amount of the unpaid rent;

- (b) The cost of any advertising and notices required pursuant to NRS 108.270 to 108.367, inclusive;
- (c) The cost and fees ordered by a court in any action contesting the validity of a lien; and
- (d) The cost of a sale, if a sale by auction is made pursuant to the provisions of NRS 108.310.
- No recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home may be sold for delinquent rent or rent and utilities until 4 months have elapsed after the first default in payment, and a notice of lien has been served pursuant to subsection 1. At least 10 days but not more than 30 days before a sale, a written notice of sale by auction must be sent to the registered owner and tenant or subtenant and to every holder of a security interest and every person who is listed in the records of the [Manufactured] Housing Division [of the Department of Business and Industry as holding an ownership or other interest in the recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home by registered or certified mail stating that a sale by auction of the recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home is to be made pursuant to the provisions of NRS 108.310. The written notice of sale by auction must include the time and location of the sale, the amount necessary to satisfy the lien and a description of the legal proceeding available to contest the lien pursuant to NRS 108.350 and 108.355.
  - **Sec. 9.** NRS 108.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 108.355 1. A person contesting the validity of a lien on a mobile home or manufactured home may file a notice of opposition to the lien in the Justice Court in whose jurisdiction the mobile home or manufactured home is located. The notice of opposition must be filed within 5 days after the person filing the notice receives the notice of sale by auction, must be made on a form provided by the clerk of the Justice Court and must include the facts supporting the notice. The person filing the notice shall serve certified copies of it upon the lien claimant and the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry.
- 2. Upon the filing of the notice of opposition to the lien, the justice of the peace shall schedule a hearing on the notice, which





must be held as soon as practicable but not sooner than 5 days after service of the notice. The justice of the peace shall affix the date of the hearing to the notice and order that a copy be served upon the lien claimant within 5 days after the date of the order.

- 3. The justice of the peace shall either dismiss the objections to the lien claim, declare the lien invalid or declare the amount of the lien if it is different from that described by the lien claimant.
- 4. After receipt of a notice of opposition to a lien or other notice pursuant to any proceeding to contest the validity of a lien, the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry shall not transfer the title to the mobile home or manufactured home that is the subject of the lien until the matter has been adjudicated.
- **Sec. 10.** NRS 118B.012 is hereby amended to read as follows: 118B.012 "Division" means the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry.
  - **Sec. 11.** NRS 118B.070 is hereby amended to read as follows: 118B.070 1. The landlord shall deliver to:
- (a) Each new tenant a copy of the current text of the provisions of this chapter with the rental agreement at the time the tenant signs the agreement.
- (b) Each tenant a copy of each provision of this chapter which is added, amended or repealed within 180 days after the provision becomes effective.
- 2. When the landlord provides a tenant with a copy of any provision of this chapter pursuant to subsection 1, the copy must contain a legible and typewritten statement that contains the following contact information regarding the Division in substantially the following form:

# TENANTS OF MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN RIGHTS UNDER NEVADA REVISED STATUTES

To obtain information regarding your rights as a tenant under Nevada Revised Statutes, you may contact the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry as follows:

#### **SOUTHERN NEVADA:**

(The address of the Division in Southern Nevada) (The local telephone number of the Division in Southern Nevada)





**NORTHERN NEVADA:** 1 2 (The address of the Division in Northern Nevada) 3 (The local telephone number of the Division in Northern Nevada) 4 5 **INTERNET:** 6 (The Internet address of the Division) 7 Sec. 12. NRS 118B.071 is hereby amended to read as follows: 118B.071 1. The landlord of a manufactured home park shall 8 post in a conspicuous and readily accessible place in the community 10 or recreational facility in the manufactured home park, at or near the entrance of the manufactured home park or in another common area 11 in the manufactured home park, a legible and typewritten sign that 12 contains the following contact information regarding the Division in 13 14 substantially the following form: 15 TENANTS OF MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS ARE 16 ENTITLED TO CERTAIN RIGHTS UNDER 17 **NEVADA REVISED STATUTES** 18 19 To obtain information regarding your rights as a tenant 20 under Nevada Revised Statutes, you may contact the 21 [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of 22 23 Business and Industry as follows: 24 **SOUTHERN NEVADA:** 25 (The address of the Division in Southern Nevada) 26 27 (The local telephone number of the Division in Southern Nevada) 28 29 **NORTHERN NEVADA:** 30 (The address of the Division in Northern Nevada) (The local telephone number of the Division in Northern Nevada) 31 32 33 **INTERNET:** 34 (The Internet address of the Division) 35 2. The Division shall notify each landlord if any of the contact 36 information regarding the Division changes. Not later than 30 days 37 after receiving such a notice from the Division, the landlord shall 38 replace the existing sign with a new sign that contains the new 39 contact information regarding the Division. 40 Sec. 13. NRS 171.17751 is hereby amended to read as 41 42 follows: 43 171.17751 1. Any board of county commissioners governing body of a city may designate the chief officer of the

organized fire department or any employees designated by him, and



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certain of its inspectors of solid waste management, building, housing and licensing inspectors, zoning enforcement officers, parking enforcement officers, animal control officers, traffic engineers, marshals and park rangers of units of specialized law enforcement established pursuant to NRS 280.125, and other persons charged with the enforcement of county or city ordinances, to prepare, sign and serve written citations on persons accused of violating a county or city ordinance.

- 2. The State Health Officer and the health officer of each county, district and city may designate certain of his employees to prepare, sign and serve written citations on persons accused of violating any law, ordinance or regulation of a board of health that relates to public health.
- 3. The [Chief] Administrator of the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry may designate certain of his employees to prepare, sign and serve written citations on persons accused of violating any law or regulation of the Division relating to the provisions of chapters 118B, 461, 461A and 489 of NRS.
- 4. The State Contractors' Board may designate certain of its employees to prepare, sign and serve written citations on persons pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 624.115.
  - 5. An employee designated pursuant to this section:
- (a) May exercise the authority to prepare, sign and serve citations only within the field of enforcement in which he works:
- (b) May, if he is employed by a city or county, prepare, sign and serve a citation only to enforce an ordinance of the city or county by which he is employed; and
  - (c) Shall comply with the provisions of NRS 171.1773.
- Sec. 14. NRS 278.02095 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 278.02095 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in an ordinance relating to the zoning of land adopted or amended by a governing body, the definition of "single-family residence" must include a manufactured home.
- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, a governing body shall adopt standards for the placement of a manufactured home that will not be affixed to a lot within a mobile home park which require that:
  - (a) The manufactured home:
    - (1) Be permanently affixed to a residential lot;
- (2) Be manufactured within the 6 years immediately preceding the date on which it is affixed to the residential lot;
- (3) Have exterior siding and roofing which is similar in color, material and appearance to the exterior siding and roofing





primarily used on other single-family residential dwellings in the immediate vicinity of the manufactured home, as established by the governing body;

- (4) Consist of more than one section; and
- (5) Consist of at least 1,200 square feet of living area unless the governing body, by administrative variance or other expedited procedure established by the governing body, approves a lesser amount of square footage based on the size or configuration of the lot or the square footage of single-family residential dwellings in the immediate vicinity of the manufactured home; and
- (b) If the manufactured home has an elevated foundation, the foundation is masked architecturally in a manner determined by the governing body.
- The governing body of a local government in a county whose population is less than 40,000 may adopt standards that are less restrictive than the standards set forth in this subsection.
- 3. Standards adopted by a governing body pursuant to subsection 2 must be objective and documented clearly and must not be adopted to discourage or impede the construction or provision of affordable housing, including, without limitation, the use of manufactured homes for affordable housing.
- 4. Before a building department issues a permit to place a manufactured home on a lot pursuant to this section, other than a new manufactured home, the owner must surrender the certificate of ownership to the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry. The *Housing* Division shall provide proof of such a surrender to the owner who must submit that proof to the building department.
- 5. The provisions of this section do not abrogate a recorded restrictive covenant prohibiting manufactured homes, nor do the provisions apply within the boundaries of a historic district established pursuant to NRS 384.005 or 384.100. An application to place a manufactured home on a residential lot pursuant to this section constitutes an attestation by the owner of the lot that the placement complies with all covenants, conditions and restrictions placed on the lot and that the lot is not located within a historic district.
  - 6. As used in this section:
- (a) "Manufactured home" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 489.113.
- (b) "New manufactured home" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 489.125.





- **Sec. 15.** NRS 361.244 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 361.244 1. A mobile or manufactured home is eligible to become real property if it becomes permanently affixed to land which is:
  - (a) Owned by the owner of the mobile or manufactured home; or
- (b) Leased by the owner of the mobile or manufactured home if the home is being financed in accordance with the guidelines of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the United States Department of Agriculture, or any other entity that requires as part of its financing program restrictions on ownership and actions affecting title and possession similar to those required by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- 2. A mobile or manufactured home becomes real property when the assessor of the county in which the mobile or manufactured home is located has placed it on the tax roll as real property. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the assessor shall not place a mobile or manufactured home on the tax roll until:
- (a) He has received verification from the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry that the mobile or manufactured home has been converted to real property;
- (b) The unsecured personal property tax has been paid in full for the current fiscal year;
- (c) An affidavit of conversion of the mobile or manufactured home from personal to real property has been recorded in the county recorder's office of the county in which the mobile or manufactured home is located; and
- (d) The dealer or owner has delivered to the *Housing* Division a copy of the recorded affidavit of conversion and all documents relating to the mobile or manufactured home in its former condition as personal property.
- 3. A mobile or manufactured home which is converted to real property pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be a fixture and an improvement to the real property to which it is affixed.
  - 4. Factory-built housing, as defined in NRS 461.080, constitutes real property if it becomes, on or after July 1, 1979, permanently affixed to land which is:
    - (a) Owned by the owner of the factory-built housing; or
  - (b) Leased by the owner of the factory-built housing if the factory-built housing is being financed in accordance with the guidelines of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the United States Department of Agriculture, or any other entity that requires as part





of its financing program restrictions on ownership and actions affecting title and possession similar to those required by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association and the United States Department of Agriculture.

- 5. The assessor of the county in which a manufactured home is located shall, without regard to the conditions set forth in subsection 2, place the manufactured home on the tax roll as real property if, on or after July 1, 2001, the manufactured home is permanently affixed to a residential lot pursuant to an ordinance required by NRS 278.02095.
- 6. The provisions of subsection 5 do not apply to a manufactured home located in:
- (a) An area designated by local ordinance for the placement of a manufactured home without conversion to real property;
  - (b) A mobile home park; or
  - (c) Any other area to which the provisions of NRS 278.02095 do not apply.
- 7. For the purposes of this section, "land which is owned" includes land for which the owner has a possessory interest resulting from a life estate, lease or contract for sale.
  - **Sec. 16.** NRS 361.2445 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 361.2445 1. A mobile or manufactured home which has been converted to real property pursuant to NRS 361.244 may not be removed from the real property to which it is affixed unless, at least 30 days before removing the mobile or manufactured home:
    - (a) The owner:

- (1) Files with the Division an affidavit stating that the sole purpose for converting the mobile or manufactured home from real to personal property is to effect a transfer of the title to the mobile or manufactured home;
- (2) Files with the Division the affidavit of consent to the removal of the mobile or manufactured home of each person who holds any legal interest in the real property to which the mobile or manufactured home is affixed; and
- (3) Gives written notice to the county assessor of the county in which the real property is situated; and
- (b) The county assessor certifies in writing that all taxes for the fiscal year on the mobile or manufactured home and the real property to which the mobile or manufactured home is affixed have been paid.
- 2. The county assessor shall not remove a mobile or manufactured home from the tax rolls until:
- (a) He has received verification that there is no security interest in the mobile or manufactured home or the holders of security





interests have agreed in writing to the conversion of the mobile or manufactured home to personal property; and

- (b) An affidavit of conversion of the mobile or manufactured home from real to personal property has been recorded in the county recorder's office of the county in which the real property to which the mobile or manufactured home was affixed is situated.
- 3. A mobile or manufactured home which is physically removed from real property pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be personal property immediately upon its removal.
  - 4. The Department shall adopt:

- (a) Such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section; and
  - (b) A standard form for the affidavits required by this section.
- 5. Before the owner of a mobile or manufactured home that has been converted to personal property pursuant to this section may transfer ownership of the mobile or manufactured home, he must obtain a certificate of ownership from the Division.
- 6. For the purposes of this section, the removal of a mobile or manufactured home from real property includes the detachment of the mobile or manufactured home from its foundation, other than temporarily for the purpose of making repairs or improvements to the mobile or manufactured home or the foundation.
- 7. An owner who physically removes a mobile or manufactured home from real property in violation of this section is liable for all legal costs and fees, plus the actual expenses, incurred by a person who holds any interest in the real property to restore the real property to its former condition. Any judgment obtained pursuant to this section may be recorded as a lien upon the mobile or manufactured home so removed.
  - 8. As used in this section:
- (a) "Division" means the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry.
- (b) "Owner" means any person who holds an interest in the mobile or manufactured home or the real property to which the mobile or manufactured home is affixed evidenced by a conveyance or other instrument which transfers that interest to him and is recorded in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the mobile or manufactured home and real property are situated, but does not include the owner or holder of a right-of-way, easement or subsurface property right appurtenant to the real property.
  - **Sec. 17.** NRS 372.383 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 372.383 1. If a certificate of ownership has been issued for a used manufactured home or used mobile home by the Department of Motor Vehicles or the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry, it is presumed that the taxes





imposed by this chapter have been paid with respect to that manufactured home or mobile home.

- 2. As used in this section, "manufactured home" and "mobile home" have the meanings ascribed to them in NRS 372.316.
  - **Sec. 18.** NRS 374.388 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 374.388 1. If a certificate of ownership has been issued for a used manufactured home or used mobile home by the Department of Motor Vehicles or the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry, it is presumed that the taxes imposed by this chapter have been paid with respect to that manufactured home or mobile home.
- 2. As used in this section, "manufactured home" and "mobile home" have the meanings ascribed to them in NRS 374.321.
- Sec. 19. Chapter 461 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

"Administrator" means the Administrator of the Division.

**Sec. 20.** NRS 461.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

461.040 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 461.050 to 461.160, inclusive, *and section 19 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in [such] those sections.

**Sec. 21.** NRS 461.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 461.065 "Division" means the [Manufactured] Housing 24 Division of the Department of Business and Industry.

Sec. 22. NRS 461.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 461.250 1. The Administrator [of the Division] or any person authorized by him may institute any appropriate action to enforce this chapter, or to prevent, restrain, correct or abate any violation of this chapter.
- 2. In order properly to carry out the provisions of this chapter, the Administrator [of the Division] or any person authorized by him may:
  - (a) Conduct hearings;
    - (b) Issue subpoenas; and
    - (c) Administer oaths.
    - Sec. 23. NRS 461.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:
    - 461.260 1. In a county whose population is 400,000 or more, local enforcement agencies shall enforce and inspect the installation of factory-built housing and manufactured buildings.
    - 2. In a county whose population is less than 400,000, local enforcement agencies may enforce and inspect the installation of factory-built housing and manufactured buildings. If a local enforcement agency fails or refuses to enforce and inspect the installation of any factory-built housing or manufactured building in



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its jurisdiction within 10 days after receipt of a request to inspect the installation, the Division shall enforce and inspect the installation.

- 3. Local use zone requirements, local fire zones, building setback, side and rear yard requirements, site development and property line requirements, as well as the review and regulation of architectural and aesthetic requirements are hereby specifically and entirely reserved to local jurisdictions notwithstanding any other requirement of this chapter.
- 4. If, upon a final inspection conducted pursuant to subsection 2, the Division determines that the factory-built housing or manufactured building meets all requirements established for the installation of the factory-built housing or manufactured building and all applicable requirements described in subsection 3, the Division shall issue a certificate of occupancy for the factory-built housing or manufactured building. The Division may adopt such regulations as it determines necessary to carry out its duties pursuant to this section. The regulations may establish fees for inspections and the issuance of certificates of occupancy.
- 5. A local government authority may inspect Nevada manufacturers of factory-built housing or manufactured buildings to ensure compliance with all the provisions of NRS 461.170. Before conducting an initial inspection of any such manufacturer, a local government authority must give 10 days' written notice to the Administrator. [of the Division.] The local government authority is not required to give notice to the Administrator before conducting subsequent inspections of the manufacturer.
- **Sec. 24.** NRS 461A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows: 461A.020 "Administrator" means the [chief] *Administrator* of the [Manufactured] Housing Division.
- **Sec. 25.** NRS 461A.040 is hereby amended to read as follows: 461A.040 "Division" means the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry.
- **Sec. 26.** NRS 487.007 is hereby amended to read as follows: 487.007 As used in this chapter, the term "state agency" means:
- 1. The [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry with regard to mobile homes and commercial coaches.
- 2. The Department of Motor Vehicles with regard to all other vehicles subject to registration under the laws of this State.
  - **Sec. 27.** NRS 487.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 487.100 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any automobile wrecker purchasing from any person other than a licensed operator of a salvage pool any vehicle subject to registration pursuant to the laws of this State shall forward to the





Department the certificates of title and registration last issued therefor.

2. The certificate of ownership last issued for a mobile home or commercial coach must be sent by the wrecker to the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry.

**Sec. 28.** NRS 487.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

487.230 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 487.235, any sheriff or his designee, constable, member of the Nevada Highway Patrol, officer of the Legislative Police, investigator of the Division of Compliance Enforcement of the Department, personnel of the Capitol Police Division of the Department of Public Safety, designated employees of the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry, special investigator employed by the office of a district attorney, marshal or policeman of a city or town or his designee, a marshal or park ranger who is part of a unit of specialized law enforcement established pursuant to NRS 280.125, or any other person charged with the enforcement of county or city ordinances who has reason to believe that a vehicle has been abandoned on public property in his jurisdiction may remove the vehicle from that property or cause the vehicle to be removed from that property. At the request of the owner or person in possession or control of private property who has reason to believe that a vehicle has been abandoned on his property, the vehicle may be removed by the operator of a tow car or an automobile wrecker from that private property.

- 2. A person who authorizes the removal of an abandoned vehicle pursuant to subsection 1 shall:
- (a) Have the vehicle taken to the nearest garage or other place designated for storage by:
- (1) The state agency or political subdivision making the request if the vehicle is removed from public property.
- (2) The owner or person in possession or control of the property if the vehicle is removed from private property.
- (b) Make all practical inquiries to ascertain if the vehicle is stolen by checking the license plate number, vehicle identification number and other available information which will aid in identifying the registered and legal owner of the vehicle and supply the information to the person who is storing the vehicle.
  - **Sec. 29.** NRS 489.036 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 489.036 "Administrator" means the [Chief] Administrator of the [Manufactured] Housing Division.
  - **Sec. 30.** NRS 489.091 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 44 489.091 "Division" means the [Manufactured] Housing 45 Division of the Department of Business and Industry.



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- **Sec. 31.** NRS 704.920 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 704.920 1. The provisions of NRS 704.920 to 704.960, inclusive, apply to company towns, utilities and alternative sellers which provide utility services to company towns, and persons who own and operate company towns.
- 2. The Commission shall require a public utility or an alternative seller, as appropriate, which provides utility services to a mobile home park or to a company town, or an independent person who is qualified, to conduct examinations to examine and test the lines and equipment for distributing electricity and gas within the park or town at the request of the [Manufactured] Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry or a city or county which has responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of chapter 461A of NRS. The utility or alternative seller, the person selected to conduct the examination and the Commission may enter a mobile home park or company town at reasonable times to examine and test the lines and equipment, whether or not they are owned by a utility or an alternative seller.
- 3. The utility or alternative seller, as appropriate, or the person selected to conduct the examination, shall conduct the examination and testing to determine whether any line or equipment is unsafe for service under the safety standards adopted by the Commission for the maintenance, use and operation of lines and equipment for distributing electricity and gas, and shall report the results of the examination and testing to the Commission.
- 4. The owner of the mobile home park or company town shall pay for the costs of the examination and testing.
- 5. If the landlord of a mobile home park or owner of a company town refuses to allow the examination and testing to be made as provided in this section, the Commission shall deem the unexamined lines and equipment to be unsafe for service.
  - 6. If the Commission finds:
- (a) Or deems any lines or equipment within a mobile home park or company town to be unsafe for service, it shall take appropriate action to protect the safety of the residents of the park or town.
- (b) Such lines or equipment to be unsafe for service or otherwise not in compliance with its safety standards, it may, after a hearing, order the landlord or owner to repair or replace such lines and equipment. For this purpose, the landlord or owner may expend some or all of the money in his account for service charges for utilities, which he is required to keep under NRS 704.940.
- **Sec. 32.** 1. Any regulation adopted by the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry or the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division before July 1, 2009:





- (a) Remains in force until repealed or replaced by the Housing Division of the Department or the Administrator of the Housing Division, respectively; and
- (b) May be enforced by the Housing Division or the Administrator of the Housing Division, respectively.
- 2. Any contract or other agreement entered into by the Manufactured Housing Division or the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division is binding upon the Housing Division or the Administrator of the Housing Division, respectively. Any such contract or other agreement may be enforced by the Housing Division or the Administrator of the Housing Division, respectively.
- 3. Any license, permit, certificate, notice of violation or order issued by the Manufactured Housing Division or the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division shall be deemed to have been issued by the Housing Division or the Administrator of the Housing Division, respectively.
- **Sec. 33.** The Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry and the Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division shall cooperate fully and take all reasonable steps before July 1, 2009, to ensure that the provisions of this act are carried out in an orderly fashion.
  - **Sec. 34.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.





