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## **HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC**

DIVISION 13. HOUSING [17000 - 19997] (Division 13 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.) PART 2. MANUFACTURED HOUSING [18000 - 18153] (Heading of Part 2 amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 540, Sec. 2.)

CHAPTER 4. Standards [18025 - 18034] (Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1981, Ch. 975, Sec. 3.)

- 18025. (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), it is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, rent, or lease within this state, any manufactured home or any mobilehome, commercial coach, or special purpose commercial coach manufactured after September 1, 1958, containing structural, fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing, or electrical systems and equipment unless the systems and equipment meet the requirements of the department for those systems and that equipment and the installation of those systems and that equipment. The department may adopt rules and regulations that are reasonably consistent with recognized and accepted principles for structural, fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing, and electrical systems and equipment and installations, respectively, to protect the health and safety of the people of this state from dangers inherent in the use of substandard and unsafe structural, fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing, and electrical systems, equipment and installations.
- (b) All manufactured homes and mobilehomes manufactured on or after June 15, 1976, shall comply with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 5401 et seq.).
- (c) The sale of used manufactured homes and mobilehomes by an agent licensed pursuant to this part shall be subject to Section 18046.

(Amended by Stats. 1999, Ch. 517, Sec. 8. Effective January 1, 2000.)

- 18025.5. (a) Pursuant to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 5401 et seq.), the department may assume responsibility for the enforcement of manufactured home and mobilehome construction and safety standards relating to any issue with respect to which a federal standard has been established. The department may adopt regulations to ensure acceptance by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of California's plan for the administration and enforcement of federal manufactured home and mobilehome safety and construction standards.
- (b) The department may conduct inspections and investigations that it determines may be necessary to secure enforcement of this part and regulations adopted pursuant to this part.
- (c) Subdivision (b) shall not apply to the enforcement of Section 18027.3 unless the department determines that there is a compelling reason to exercise oversight in the inspection of recreational vehicles or park trailers at a factory, in which case the department may investigate the inspection, or conduct a department inspection, on recreational vehicles or park trailers at a factory and utilize any means necessary to collect a fee from the manufacturer for the cost of the department investigation or inspection.
- (d) For the purposes of enforcement of this part and the related regulations, persons duly designated by the director of the department, upon presenting appropriate credentials to the owner, operator, or agent in charge, may do both of the following:
  - (1) Enter, at reasonable times and without advance notice, any factory, warehouse, sales lot, or establishment in which manufactured homes, mobilehomes, commercial coaches, or special purpose commercial coaches are manufactured, stored, held for sale, sold, or offered for sale, rent, or lease.
  - (2) Inspect, at reasonable times and within reasonable limits and in a reasonable manner, any factory, warehouse, sales lot, or establishment, and inspect the books, papers, records, and documents to ensure compliance with this part.

(Amended by Stats. 1999, Ch. 83, Sec. 108. Effective January 1, 2000.)

18025.6. When a standard for manufactured homes which was adopted pursuant to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 5401 et seq.), is repealed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and no new preemptive federal standard is adopted as a replacement standard, the department may continue to enforce the federal standard for manufactured homes to be sold in this state, for a period of one year from the operative date of the repeal or until the department adopts a regulation to replace the repealed federal standard, whichever occurs first. The replacement standard, if any, may be adopted as an emergency regulation.

(Added by Stats. 1988, Ch. 1178, Sec. 3.)

- 18026. (a) All manufactured homes, mobilehomes, commercial coaches, and special purpose commercial coaches manufactured on or after September 1, 1958, that are sold, offered for sale, rented, or leased within this state shall bear a federal label or an insignia of approval issued by the department, whichever is appropriate, to indicate compliance with the regulations of the department adopted pursuant to this part, which were in effect on the date of manufacture of the manufactured home, mobilehome, commercial coach, or special purpose commercial coach.
- (b) The department may issue insignia for manufactured homes, mobilehomes, commercial coaches, or special purpose commercial coaches manufactured prior to the effective dates of the appropriate regulations that meet the requirements of reasonable standards of health and safety as set forth in this part or the regulations adopted pursuant to this part in effect at the time of that issue.
- (c) It is unlawful for any person to remove, or cause to be removed, an insignia of approval affixed pursuant to this section without prior authorization by the department.

(Amended by Stats. 1998, Ch. 293, Sec. 6. Effective January 1, 1999.)

**18026.1.** Units sold to the federal government for use on federal lands are exempt from the requirements of Sections 18025 and 18026.

(Added by Stats. 1986, Ch. 442, Sec. 3.)

18027. Any manufactured home, mobilehome or commercial coach which is manufactured in violation of the provisions of Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 19870) of Part 3 of Division 13 of this code, or Division 15 (commencing with Section 25004.2) of the Public Resources Code, or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, shall not be issued the department's insignia of approval. (Amended by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1076, Sec. 21.)

## 18027.3. (a) The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

- (1) The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) have adopted standards for the design and safety of recreational vehicles, including park trailers, pursuant to procedures that have given diverse views an opportunity to be considered and which indicate that interested and affected parties have reached substantial agreement on their adoption.
- (2) The ANSI A119.2 and A119.5 standards and the NFPA 1192 standards are designed to protect the health and safety of persons using recreational vehicles and park trailers.
- (3) Compliance with those standards as required by this section may be enforced by any law enforcement authority having appropriate jurisdiction, pursuant to Section 18020.5, which makes it a crime to violate any provision of this part. Therefore, to promote governmental efficiency and economy and to avoid duplication of activities and services, it is appropriate to eliminate the role of the department in modifying and enforcing standards for the construction of recreational vehicles.
- (b) Recreational vehicles specified in subdivision (a) of Section 18010 that are manufactured on or after January 1, 1999, and before July 14, 2005, shall be constructed in accordance with Standard No. A119.2, as contained in the 1996 edition of the Standards of the American National Standards Institute. Recreational vehicles specified in subdivision (a) of Section 18010 that are manufactured on or after July 14, 2005, shall be constructed in accordance with the NFPA 1192 Standard on Recreational Vehicles.
- (c) Recreational vehicles specified in subdivision (b) of Section 18010 that are manufactured on or after January 1, 1999, shall be constructed in accordance with Standard No. A119.5, as contained in the 1998 edition of the Standards of the American National Standards Institute.
- (d) A change in Standard No. A119.2 or A119.5 or in the NFPA 1192 Standard on Recreational Vehicles contained in a new edition of the Standards of the American National Standards Institute shall become operative on the 180th day following the publication date.
- (e) No recreational vehicle shall be equipped with more than one electrical power supply cord.
- (f) Any recreational vehicle manufactured on or after January 1, 1999, that is offered for sale, sold, rented, or leased within this state shall bear a label or an insignia indicating the manufacturer's compliance with the American National Standards Institute or National Fire Protection Association standard specified in subdivision (b) or (c).

- (g) Any recreational vehicle manufactured prior to January 1, 1999, that is offered for sale, sold, rented, or leased within this state shall bear a label or an insignia of approval indicating the manufacturer's compliance with the American National Standards Institute standard or a department insignia issued prior to January 1, 1999, indicating compliance with the state standard that was in effect pursuant to this chapter on the date of manufacture, including any modifications contained in regulations.
- (h) It is unlawful for any person to do either of the following:
  - (1) Remove, or cause to be removed, a label, an insignia, or an insignia of approval affixed pursuant to this section.
  - (2) Alter or convert, or cause to be altered or converted, any recreational vehicle in a manner that is inconsistent with ANSI Standard No. A119.2 or A119.5 or the NFPA 1192 Standard on Recreational Vehicles when the recreational vehicle is used, occupied, sold, or offered for sale within this state.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 890, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 2007.)

- **18027.5.** (a) It shall be unlawful to manufacture a truck camper as defined in Section 18010, unless the truck camper has a manufacturer's serial or identification number legibly stamped onto or permanently affixed to the interior and exterior of the truck camper.
- (b) No retailer shall sell any new truck camper unless the truck camper has a manufacturer's serial or identification number as required in subdivision (a).

(Added by Stats. 1981, Ch. 975, Sec. 3.)

- 18028. (a) The department may adopt regulations regarding the construction of commercial modulars and special purpose commercial modulars, other than mobile food facilities subject to Article 11 (commencing with Section 114250) of Chapter 4 of Part 7 of Division 104, and of multifamily manufactured homes, manufactured homes, and mobilehomes that are not subject to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 5401 et seq.) that the department determines are reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of the occupants and the public.
- (b) Requirements for the construction, alteration, or conversion of commercial modulars shall be those contained, with reasonably necessary additions or deletions, as adopted by department regulations, in all of the following:
  - (1) The 1991 Edition of the Uniform Building Code, published by the International Conference of Building Officials.
  - (2) The 1993 Edition of the National Electrical Code, published by the National Fire Protection Association.
  - (3) The 1991 Edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code, published jointly by the International Conference of Building Officials and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.
  - (4) The 1991 Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.
- (c) (1) The department shall, on or after January 1, 2008, adopt regulations for the construction, alteration, or conversion of commercial modulars based on Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 of the California Building Standards Code, as contained in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, with appropriate additions, deletions, and other implementing provisions. The regulations adopted under this paragraph shall be placed within Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations.
  - (2) The requirements promulgated by the department pursuant to this section shall apply only to the construction, alteration, and conversion of commercial modulars, and not to the use or operation of commercial modulars.
- (d) A municipality shall not prohibit the use of commercial modulars that bear a valid insignia, based on the date the insignia was issued.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 239, Sec. 2. (SB 562) Effective January 1, 2012.)

- **18028.5.** (a) The provisions of Section 17920.9, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, shall be applicable to the sale, offering for sale, or use in the construction of commercial coaches and of manufactured homes and mobilehomes which are not subject to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C., Sec. 5401, et seq.), of any foam building system, and to any such mobilehome or commercial coach in which that system is used as a component.
- (b) All manufactured homes, including mobilehomes manufactured on or after June 15, 1976, shall comply with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C., Sec. 5401, et seq.).

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 975, Sec. 10.)

- 18029. (a) It is unlawful for any person to alter or convert, or cause to be altered or converted, the structural, fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing, or electrical systems and installations or equipment of a manufactured home, mobilehome, multifamily manufactured home, special purpose commercial modular, or commercial modular that bears a department insignia of approval or federal label when the manufactured home, mobilehome, multifamily manufactured home, special purpose commercial modular, or commercial modular is used, occupied, sold, or offered for sale within this state, unless its performance as altered or converted is in compliance with this chapter and applicable regulations adopted by the department. The department may adopt regulations providing requirements for alterations and conversions described in this section.
- (b) (1) Any person required by this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter to file an application for an alteration or conversion who fails to file that application shall pay double the application fee prescribed for the alteration or conversion by this chapter or by regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.
  - (2) Any person found for a second or subsequent time within a five-year period to have failed to file an application for alteration or conversion or causing the failure to file an application for alteration or conversion for a manufactured home, mobilehome, multifamily manufactured home, special purpose commercial modular, or commercial modular shall pay 10 times the application fee prescribed in this chapter or by the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 2008, Ch. 664, Sec. 15. Effective January 1, 2009.)

- **18029.1.** (a) Notwithstanding Section 18029, a person may, without filing an application for an alteration or conversion required by this chapter, alter or convert, or cause to be altered or converted, the structural, fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing, or electrical systems and installations or equipment of a manufactured home or mobilehome in order to extend a gas line or electrical feeder line, or both, from a utility-owned service line to the electrical subpanel or gas inlet of the manufactured home or mobilehome only for the purpose of a natural gas or electric service utility upgrade, or both, within a mobilehome park that is subject to or consistent with the requirements of Public Utilities Commission Decision 14-03-021 (March 13, 2014).
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 18029, if, at the time that natural gas or electric service is connected to a manufactured home or mobilehome as part of a natural gas or electric service utility upgrade, or both, within a mobilehome park that is subject to or consistent with the requirements of Public Utilities Commission Decision 14-03-021 (March 13, 2014), a defect in the manufactured home or mobilehome relating to the heat-producing or electrical systems or installations or equipment is found, the heat-producing or electrical systems or installations or equipment may be repaired or replaced without filing an application for an alteration or conversion required by this chapter if the repair or replacement is necessary to correct the defect, is made promptly, and is approved by the department.
- (c) The department shall inspect any alteration or conversion described in subdivision (a) or (b) to ensure that any health and safety standards set forth in this part or Part 2.1 (commencing with Section 18200), or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to those parts, that are consistent with the mission set out in Public Utilities Commission Decision 14-03-021 (March 13, 2014) are met. (Added by Stats. 2015, Ch. 581, Sec. 1. (AB 682) Effective October 8, 2015.)
- **18029.3.** (a) Any manufactured home, mobilehome, vehicle, or transportable structure manufactured, remanufactured, altered, used, or converted for use as a commercial coach or special purpose commercial coach shall comply with this part and the regulations adopted pursuant to this part relating to insignia and inspection requirements, construction, fire safety, electrical, heating, mechanical, plumbing, occupancy, and energy conservation.
- (b) Special purpose commercial coach mobile food preparation units shall also meet the requirements of Article 12 (commencing with Section 114285) of Chapter 4 of Part 7 of Division 104 and the regulations implementing, interpreting, and clarifying that article, as enforced by the State Department of Health Services, which shall supersede the requirements in this part and the regulations adopted pursuant to this part in the event of a conflict.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 713, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2003.)

**18029.4.** Any special purpose commercial coach which is designed, manufactured, remanufactured, altered, used, or converted for use as a module of a permanently constructed building shall comply with the construction standards applicable to commercial coaches.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 707, Sec. 6.)

**18029.5.** (a) The department may adopt rules and regulations, which it determines to be reasonably consistent with generally recognized fire protection standards, governing conditions relating to the prevention of fire or for the protection of life and property against fire in manufactured homes, mobilehomes, special purpose commercial coaches, and commercial coaches. All manufactured homes and mobilehomes manufactured on or after June 15, 1976, shall comply with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 5401, et seq.).

- (b) The chief fire official of every city, county, city and county, fire protection district, or other local fire protection agency shall file a report on each manufactured home and mobilehome fire occurring within his or her jurisdiction with the State Fire Marshal. The report shall be made on forms provided by the State Fire Marshal.
- (c) The State Fire Marshal shall annually compile a statistical report on all manufactured home and mobilehome fires occurring within this state and shall furnish the department with a copy of the report. The annual report shall include, but need not be limited to, the number of manufactured home and mobilehome fires, the causes of the fires, the monetary loss, and any casualties or fatalities resulting from the fires.

(Amended by Stats. 1998, Ch. 293, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 1999.)

- **18029.6.** (a) (1) Beginning January 1, 2020, all used manufactured homes, used mobilehomes, and used multifamily manufactured homes that are sold on or after January 1, 2020, or rented pursuant to a rental agreement entered into on or after January 1, 2020, shall have a smoke alarm installed in each room designed for sleeping that is operable on the date of rental or transfer of title. Each smoke alarm shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and have been approved and listed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 13114.
  - (2) The smoke alarm manufacturer's information describing the operation, method and frequency of testing, and proper maintenance of all smoke alarms installed in the used manufactured home, used mobilehome, or used multifamily manufactured home shall be provided to the purchaser or renter of the used manufactured home, used mobilehome, or used multifamily manufactured home.
- (b) The requirements of subdivision (a) shall be deemed satisfied if, within 45 days prior to the date of rental or of transfer of title, the lessor or the transferor signs a declaration stating that each smoke alarm in the manufactured home, mobilehome, or multifamily manufactured home is installed pursuant to subdivision (a) and is operable on the date the declaration is signed.
- (c) The department may adopt rules and regulations to clarify or implement this section.
- (d) For sales of manufactured homes or mobilehomes installed on real property pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 18551, as to real estate agents licensed pursuant to Division 4 (commencing with Section 10000) of the Business and Professions Code, the real estate licensee liability provisions of subdivisions (e), (f), and (g) of Section 13113.8 shall apply to the disclosures required by this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 299, Sec. 1. (AB 338) Effective January 1, 2020.)

- **18030.** (a) If the department determines that standards for commercial coaches and special purpose commercial coaches prescribed by the statutes or regulations of another state are at least equal to the standards prescribed by the department, the department may so provide by regulation. Thereafter, any commercial coaches or special purpose commercial coaches which that other state has approved as meeting its standards shall be deemed to meet the standards of the department, if the department determines that the standards of the other state are actually being enforced.
- (b) In lieu of the procedure set forth in subdivision (a), the department may contract with approved third-party entities for enforcement of the applicable provisions of this part for commercial coaches or special purpose commercial coaches manufactured outside this state for sale within this state. Third-party entities may apply to the department for enforcement authority pursuant to this subdivision by providing evidence to the satisfaction of the department that they satisfy all of the following criteria:
  - (1) They are independent and free from conflict of interest, have the ability to enforce this part, and shall enforce this part without an actual conflict of interest or any appearance of a conflict of interest.
  - (2) They are adequately staffed with qualified personnel who can, and shall, implement all provisions of the contract, including monitoring, reporting, and enforcement.
  - (3) They have the authority, through contract or otherwise, and the ability to obtain correction of defects detected or reported as a result of their enforcement activities.
  - (4) They meet any other conditions of operation that the department may reasonably incorporate into the contract.
- (c) If the department enters into a contract authorized by subdivision (b), the department may require cancellation clauses, fees, personnel résumés, reports, or other reasonable information or documents deemed necessary to ensure that subdivision (b) and this part are adequately enforced.

(Amended by Stats. 1998, Ch. 293, Sec. 10. Effective January 1, 1999.)

**18030.5.** A manufactured home, mobilehome, recreational vehicle, commercial coach, or special purpose commercial coach which meets the standards prescribed by this chapter, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, shall not be required to comply with

any local ordinances or regulations prescribing requirements in conflict with the standards prescribed in this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 1987, Ch. 707, Sec. 7.)

**18031.** The department, by rules and regulations, may establish a schedule of fees to pay the costs of work related to administration and enforcement of this part. The fees collected shall be deposited in the Mobilehome-Manufactured Home Revolving Fund.

(Amended by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1076, Sec. 25.)

**18031.5.** Nothing in this part or any other provision of law shall be construed to prohibit the installation of fireplaces in manufactured homes and mobilehomes. The department shall adopt any regulations for the installation of fireplaces in manufactured homes, mobilehomes, or commercial coaches which it may determine are reasonably necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the occupants and to assure that an installation does not impair the efficiency of the primary heating or cooling system of the manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach. All manufactured homes, mobilehomes, and commercial coaches manufactured on or after June 15, 1976, which contain fireplaces, shall comply with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C., Sec. 5401, et seq.).

(Amended by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1076, Sec. 26.)

- **18031.7.** (a) Nothing in this part shall prohibit the replacement of water heaters in manufactured homes or mobilehomes with fuel-gas-burning water heaters not specifically listed for use in a manufactured home or mobilehome or from having hot water supplied from an approved source within the manufactured home or mobilehome, or in the garage, in accordance with this part or Part 2.1 (commencing with Section 18200).
- (b) Nothing in this part shall prohibit the replacement of appliances for comfort heating in manufactured homes, mobilehomes, or multifamily manufactured homes with fuel-gas appliances for comfort heating not specifically listed for use in a manufactured home or mobilehome within the manufactured home, mobilehome, or multifamily manufactured home in accordance with this part, Part 2.1 (commencing with Section 18200), or Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 18860).
- (c) Replacement fuel-gas-burning water heaters shall be listed for residential use and installed within the specifications of that listing to include tiedown or bracing to prevent overturning.
- (d) Replacement fuel-gas-burning water heaters installed in accordance with subdivision (c) shall bear a label permanently affixed in a visible location adjacent to the fuel gas inlet which reads, as applicable:

WARNING

This appliance is approved only for use with natural gas (NG).

OR

## WARNING

This appliance is approved only for use with liquified petroleum gas (LPG).

Lettering on the label shall be black on a red background and not less than  $^{1}$ /<sub>4</sub> inch in height except for the word "WARNING" which shall be not less than  $^{1}$ /<sub>2</sub> inch in height.

- (e) (1) All fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances in new manufactured homes or new multifamily manufactured homes installed in the state shall be seismically braced, anchored, or strapped pursuant to paragraph (3) and shall be completed before or at the time of installation of the homes.
  - (2) Any replacement fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances installed in existing mobilehomes, existing manufactured homes, or existing multifamily manufactured homes that are offered for sale, rent, or lease shall be seismically braced, anchored, or strapped pursuant to paragraph (3).
  - (3) On or before July 1, 2009, the department shall promulgate rules and regulations that include standards for water heater seismic bracing, anchoring, or strapping. These standards shall be substantially in accordance with either the guidelines developed pursuant to Section 19215 or the California Plumbing Code (Part 5 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), and shall be applicable statewide.
  - (4) The dealer, or manufacturer acting as a dealer, responsible, as part of the purchase contract, for both the sale and installation of any home subject to this subdivision shall ensure all water heaters are seismically braced, anchored, or strapped in compliance

with this subdivision prior to completion of installation.

- (5) In the event of a sale of a home, pursuant to either paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 18035 or Section 18035.26, the homeowner or contractor responsible for the installation of the home shall ensure all fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances are seismically braced, anchored, or strapped consistent with the requirements of paragraph (3). This requirement shall be satisfied when the homeowner or responsible contractor signs a declaration stating each fuel-gas-burning water heater is secured as required by this section on the date the declaration is signed.
- (f) All used mobilehomes, used manufactured homes, and used multifamily manufactured homes that are sold shall, on or before the date of transfer of title, have the fuel-gas-burning water heater appliance or appliances seismically braced, anchored, or strapped consistent with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (e). This requirement shall be satisfied if, within 45 days prior to the transfer of title, the transferor signs a declaration stating that each water heater appliance in the used mobilehome, used manufactured home, or used multifamily manufactured home is secured pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) on the date the declaration is signed.
- (g) For sales of manufactured homes or mobilehomes installed on real property pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 18551, as to real estate agents licensed pursuant to Division 4 (commencing with Section 10000) of the Business and Professions Code, the real estate licensee duty provisions of Section 8897.5 of the Government Code shall apply to this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 632, Sec. 3. (SB 251) Effective January 1, 2010.)

- **18031.8.** (a) Nothing in this part or the regulations promulgated thereunder shall prohibit the replacement in manufactured homes or mobilehomes of ovens, ranges, or clothes dryers with fuel gas burning ovens, ranges, or clothes dryers not specifically listed for use in a manufactured home or mobilehome.
- (b) Replacement fuel gas burning ovens, ranges, or clothes dryers shall be listed for residential use and installed in accordance with the specifications of that listing to include tiedown and bracing to prevent displacement.
- (c) Replacement fuel gas burning ovens, ranges, or clothes dryers installed in accordance with subdivision (b) shall bear a label in compliance with subdivision (c) of Section 18031.7.

(Added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 244, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1994.)

- **18032.** (a) The manufacturer of any new manufactured home or mobilehome manufactured on or after January 1, 1977, shall affix a label to the manufactured home or mobilehome, if the manufactured home or mobilehome is to be displayed for retail sale in this state. The label shall include the following information about the manufactured home or mobilehome:
  - (1) Make, model, and serial or identification number.
  - (2) Final assembly point.
  - (3) Name and location of dealer to whom delivered.
  - (4) Name of city or unincorporated area at which delivered.
  - (5) Manufacturer's suggested retail price which shall include the price of the following:
    - (A) The basic manufactured home or mobilehome unit.
    - (B) Extra construction features and materials.
    - (C) Total price of the manufactured home or mobilehome.
    - (D) A statement of whether the price includes or excludes the towbar, wheels, wheel hubs, and axles.
- (b) A dealer may not display a manufactured home or mobilehome for sale or deliver a manufactured home or mobilehome manufactured on or after January 1, 1977, in this state which does not contain the label required by subdivision (a).
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (d) and (e), the removal or alteration of any label required by this section from the manufactured home or mobilehome by anyone except the retail purchaser is a misdemeanor.
- (d) The label required by this section may be removed by any person after the manufactured home or mobilehome is affixed to a foundation system.
- (e) The label required by this section may be removed by any person after the manufactured home or mobilehome has been installed as a display model within a designated model center, along with an enclosed vehicle garage or carport, within a

mobilehome park or subdivision. For the purposes of this subdivision, "designated model center" means a display of two or more new manufactured homes or new mobilehomes located within close proximity of each other that are used for the purpose of selling similar models within a mobilehome park or subdivision and those new manufactured homes or mobilehomes that are on display are installed pursuant to Section 18613.

(f) If a label required by this section has been removed pursuant to subdivision (e), the dealer shall provide the buyer or potential buyer of the new manufactured home or new mobilehome with all of the information required by subdivision (a), except for the manufacturer's suggested retail price. The dealer shall display a total price for the new manufactured home or new mobilehome along with either the vehicle garage or carport and any other manufactured home or mobilehome accessory building or structure or manufactured home or mobilehome accessory as defined in Section 18008.5 that is included in the total purchase price.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 857, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1993.)

## 18032.5. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of the following:

- (1) California's energy efficiency standards for new residential buildings have provided significant savings to homeowners and renters.
- (2) As a result of past federal preemption of the field and the exemption of manufactured homes from building standards under California law, California's energy efficiency residential building standards have not been applied to manufactured housing.
- (3) The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-486) authorizes the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to adopt regulations establishing thermal insulation and energy efficiency standards for manufactured housing. If the secretary has not issued, within one year after October 24, 1992, the date of the enactment of the act, final regulations that establish standards that take effect before January 1, 1995, states may establish specified energy efficiency standards for manufactured housing.
- (4) The 1992–93 California Energy Plan, endorsed by the Governor, recommends that the federal government adopt significantly more stringent, cost-effective energy efficiency standards for manufactured housing, or, in the alternative, allow states to adopt these standards.
- (5) It is in the interest of this state to participate in any federal rulemaking proceeding establishing energy efficiency standards for manufactured housing, and, in the absence of timely final federal regulations, it is in the interest of this state to adopt its own energy efficiency standards for manufactured housing as authorized under federal law.
- (b) The Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, shall develop and implement cost-effective energy efficiency standards for manufactured housing, to take effect before January 1, 1995. These standards shall include, but are not limited to, lighting, insulation, climate control systems, and other design and construction features that increase efficiency in energy use for manufactured housing. The standards shall be cost-effective when taken in their entirety, and when amortized over the economic life of the structure. The department shall have responsibility for enforcing the standards. The standards shall be developed in consultation with members of the manufactured housing industry.
- (c) This section shall become operative only if the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development does not issue, on or before October 24, 1993, final regulations that establish thermal insulation and energy efficiency standards for manufactured housing that take effect before January 1, 1995. If the secretary does issue those final regulations, this section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1995, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted before January 1, 1995, deletes or extends that date.

(Added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1159, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1994. Section conditionally operative by its own provisions. Repealed conditionally on January 1, 1995, by its own provisions.)

**18033.** Each loft area excluded from the gross floor area pursuant to Section 18009.3 shall comply with all of the following requirements:

- (a) A loft ceiling shall be a minimum of 54 inches above the loft floor for not less than 50 percent of the total loft ceiling area, or 50 inches above the loft floor for not less than 70 percent of the total loft ceiling area. The ceiling height shall be measured from the highest point of the finished floor of the loft area to the finished ceiling.
- (b) The floor of the loft area is designed to withstand at least 30 pounds per square foot live load.
- (c) The combined floor area of all loft areas shall not exceed 50 percent of the total gross floor area of the unit.
- (d) Each loft shall be accessed only by use of a stairway and not a ladder or any other means. The stairway shall be constructed as follows:

- (1) The stairs shall have a maximum rise of nine inches and a minimum tread of seven and one-quarter inches. The riser shall be an open-type riser design. The riser height and the tread run shall be allowed a maximum variation of one-quarter inch between each step. The stairway width shall be a minimum of 22 inches as measured along the step tread.
- (2) The stairs shall be capable of supporting 50 pounds per square foot.
- (3) Each stairway serving a loft shall be provided with a handrail not less than 34 inches in height as measured horizontally from the nose of the step tread. The stairway handrail must be designed to withstand a 20-pound load per lineal foot applied horizontally at right angles to the top rail. The handrail shall be continuous the full length of the stairs.
- (4) The handgrip portion of the handrail shall not be less than one and one-quarter inches nor more than two inches in cross-sectional dimension, or the shape shall provide an equivalent gripping surface. The handgrip portion of the handrail shall have a smooth surface with no sharp corners. The handrail projection from a wall or other similar surface shall have a space of not less than one and one-half inches between the wall and the handrail. Handrails installed on the open side of stairways shall have intermediate rails or an ornamental pattern installed as specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (e).
- (e) Each loft area shall have guardrails located at open areas and at the open side of the stairway. The guardrail shall comply with all of the following:
  - (1) Guardrails shall have intermediate rails or an ornamental pattern so that a sphere four inches in diameter cannot pass through, except that triangular openings at the open side of a stairway may be of a size that a sphere six inches in diameter cannot pass through.
  - (2) Guardrails shall be capable of supporting a load of 20 pounds per lineal foot applied horizontally at right angles at the top of the rail.
  - (3) The guard rail shall be a minimum of 34 inches in height as measured from the finished floor covering of the loft area to the top of the rail.
- (f) Each loft area shall have a minimum of two exits complying with ANSI Standard A119.5 Recreational Park Trailers, Chapter 3, one of which may be the stairway. Each alternate exit shall comply with both of the following:
  - (1) Lead directly to the exterior of the park trailer.
  - (2) The location of each alternate exit shall meet all requirements for access, operation, size markings, and identification as specified in ANSI Standard A119.5 Recreational Park Trailers, Chapter 3, for alternate exits.
- (g) The loft area shall be provided with light and ventilation consistent with ANSI Standard A119.5 Recreational Park Trailers, Chapter 3. In addition to the smoke detector or detectors to serve the main floor, an additional smoke detector shall be installed in each loft area and shall comply with the requirements in ANSI Standard A119.5 Recreational Park Trailers, Chapter 3.
- (h) The following electrical requirements shall be followed:
  - (1) At least one recessed light fixture shall be installed over the stairway. Each recessed light over a stairway shall be operated by a three-way switch with one switch located at the main floor and one switch located in the loft area. Both light switches shall be located immediately adjacent to each stairway. Additional lighting in the loft area shall only be of the recessed type.
  - (2) Wiring methods and receptacle placement shall be installed per the requirements in ANSI Standard A119.5 Recreational Park Trailers, Chapter 1.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 490, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2002.)

- 18033.1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that certain park trailer units with lofts that do not comply with Section 18099.3, as amended in 2001, and Section 18033 were designed and manufactured for residential occupancy in the lofts, and were sold and occupied in this state prior to January 3, 2001. On or about January 3, 2001, the department issued an information bulletin informing local government building code enforcement agencies, park trailer manufacturers and dealerships, and other interested parties that, in fact, many of these park trailers did not comply with applicable standards with respect to the lofts and related areas and therefore were not recreational vehicles or park trailers, as defined by this part.
- (b) (1) In order to ensure reasonable standards of public safety while avoiding undue hardship to purchasers of park trailers with lofts that are in substantial compliance with Section 18009.3, as amended in 2001, and Section 18033, park trailers with lofts shall be deemed to comply with those sections if there is compliance with all of the following requirements of this subdivision and subdivision (c):
  - (A) They were manufactured prior to January 3, 2001, and sold prior to June 3, 2001.
  - (B) The notices described in subdivision (c) are provided as specified in subdivision (c).

- (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "substantial compliance" shall require being constructed and maintained in a manner consistent with Section 18009.3, as amended in 2001, and Section 18033, except for the following:
  - (A) Notwithstanding Section 18009.3, as amended in 2001, and Section 18033, ceilings of lofts shall be a minimum height of 50 inches above the loft floor for not less than 70 percent of the total loft ceiling area. One exit window shall be provided in all lofts used for human habitation, providing an unobstructed opening of at least 484 square inches, with a minimum dimension of 22 inches in any direction. The window shall be located on a wall or roof located opposite the access stairs to the loft area.
  - (B) Notwithstanding Section 18009.3, as amended in 2001, and Section 18033, stairs serving as access to or egress from lofts shall not be required to comply with the provisions for rise and run as described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 18009.3 if the stairs are provided with a complying handrail as provided in paragraph (4) of subdivision (c) of Section 18009.3.
- (c) For purposes of being deemed in compliance pursuant to this section, a park trailer with one or more lofts shall comply with the following paragraphs:
  - (1) Within 24 inches of the opening of each loft, a permanent label shall be posted conspicuously, which states, in letters not less than one-half inch in height and in a color contrasting with the sign's background and wall color, the following:

"NOTICE: THIS LOFT AREA AND THE STAIRS DO NOT COMPLY WITH CODES IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2002, AND MAY BE DIFFICULT TO EXIT FROM IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE."

(2) The manufacturer of each park trailer subject to this section shall, to the extent feasible, mail the purchaser of the park trailer a written notice entitled, in bold 16-point type, the following:

"WARNING: LOFT AREAS AND STAIRS IN YOUR PARK TRAILER DO NOT COMPLY WITH STANDARDS IN EFFECT ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002. EXTRA CARE MAY BE REQUIRED TO EXIT FROM A LOFT IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE."

This notice also shall set forth the provisions of this section and shall provide the name, address, and telephone number of a person to whom the owner may address questions.

(3) If the owner rents or otherwise provides for consideration the park trailer subject to this section, the owner shall provide a written notice to the occupant that provides, in bold 16-point type, the following:

"WARNING: LOFT AREAS AND STAIRS IN YOUR PARK TRAILER DO NOT COMPLY WITH STANDARDS IN EFFECT ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002. EXTRA CARE MAY BE REQUIRED TO EXIT FROM A LOFT IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE."

(d) If the lofts and stairs of any park trailer do not comply with the requirements of this section, Section 18009.3, as amended in 2001, and Section 18033, the park trailer shall be deemed not in substantial compliance with this section, the loft area may not be used for human habitation but only for storage, and the loft area shall comply with the signage requirements prescribed by subdivision (b) of Section 18009.3.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 490, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2002.)

- 18034. (a) A dealer, as defined in Section 18002.6, or a salesperson, as defined in Section 18013, is not required to be licensed as a mortgage loan originator under the provisions of state law that implement the federal Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289), if the dealer or salesperson performs only administrative or clerical tasks on behalf of a person meeting the definition of a mortgage loan originator, and if the dealer or salesperson does not accept compensation from a lender, mortgage loan originator, or from any agent of any lender or mortgage loan originator.
- (b) For purposes of this section, the term "administrative and clerical tasks" means the receipt, collection, and distribution of information common for the processing or underwriting of a loan in the mortgage industry and communication with a consumer to obtain information necessary for the processing or underwriting of a residential mortgage loan.

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