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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 8. Registration and Titling of Manufactured Homes, Mobilehomes, and Commercial Coaches [18075 -

18124.5] (Heading of Chapter 8 amended by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1076, Sec. 46.)

ARTICLE 6. Fees and Taxes [18114 - 18119] (Article 6 added by Stats. 1981, Ch. 975, Sec. 3.)

- 18114. (a) A registration fee of twenty-three dollars (\$23) shall be due and payable to the department at the time of original registration or renewal of registration for each transportable section of a manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach that is subject to annual renewal.
- (b) For a manufactured home, mobilehome, or truck camper that is not subject to annual renewal, the registration fee of twenty-three dollars (\$23) shall be due for each transportable section at the time of original registration and upon application for each subsequent change, addition, or deletion of registered owners, legal owners, or junior lienholders and shall be in addition to any other fees that may be required by the application.
- (c) A registration fee of forty-two dollars (\$42) shall be charged for each original application for registration of a floating home and for each subsequent application to record a change, addition, or deletion of registered owners, legal owners, or junior lienholders of a floating home. This fee shall be in addition to any other fees that may be required by the application.
- (d) A registration fee is delinquent if not paid in accordance with the following:
 - (1) On or before the expiration date of the previous registration year for all annual renewals.
 - (2) Ten days after the date the transaction is complete, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 18080.5, for all transactions by or through a dealer whenever a manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach is sold, rented, leased, leased with an option to buy, or otherwise transferred, except that for registration fees due because of annual renewal, the fee is delinquent after the expiration date of the previous registration year.
 - (3) Except for dealer transactions, 20 days after the registration fee became due for original registration required by subdivision
 - (a), and for registration fees required by subdivisions (b) and (c).
- (e) A penalty of three dollars (\$3) shall be added for each registration fee that is delinquent. No penalty is due if the application and required registration fees were placed in the United States mail before midnight on the day before the fee became delinquent, as evidenced by postmark or affidavit by the applicant.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2009, Ch. 341, Sec. 6. (SB 73) Effective January 1, 2010.)

- 18114.1. (a) In addition to the annual registration fee required by Section 18114, an annual fee of five dollars (\$5) shall be paid to the department at the time of registration or renewal for each transportable section of a manufactured home or mobilehome registered pursuant to this part. All revenues derived from this fee shall be deposited in the Mobilehome Park Rehabilitation and Purchase Fund provided for in Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 50780) of Part 2 of Division 31.
- (b) Any transportable section of a manufactured home or mobilehome registered pursuant to this part and located on a private parcel owned by the registered owner of the manufactured home or mobilehome shall be exempt from the fee imposed by subdivision (a), if the owner provides documentation or a written statement, signed under penalty of perjury, which establishes to the satisfaction of the department that the manufactured home or mobilehome is located on a private parcel owned by the registered owner of the manufactured home or mobilehome.
- (c) Pursuant to subdivision (b), upon renewal of registration in 1989, or thereafter, once the registered owner provides documentation or a written statement to the department to establish the exemption, the department shall not require the owner to

establish the exemption in each subsequent year upon renewal, unless the department receives evidence that the manufactured home or mobilehome is no longer located on a private parcel owned by the registered owner of the home. Renewal forms for registered owners of manufactured homes or mobilehomes who have established the exemption shall not reflect or include the fee required pursuant to subdivision (a).

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 493, Sec. 1. (AB 225) Effective September 20, 2014.)

18114.5. When renewal fee penalties have not accrued with respect to a manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach subject to this chapter and the manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach is transferred, the transferee shall have a period of 20 days from the date of the transfer to pay any registration fees which become due without payment of any penalties that would otherwise be required.

(Amended by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1076, Sec. 83.)

18115. Commencing July 1, 1981, the vehicle license fee levied pursuant to Section 10751 of the Revenue and Taxation Code on manufactured homes and mobilehomes not subject to local property taxation pursuant to Part 13 (commencing with Section 5800) of Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or commercial coaches, shall be paid to the department. The annual amount of the fee shall be a sum equal to 2 percent, and on and after January 1, 2005, 0.65 percent, of the market value of the manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach. The market value shall be determined by the department upon the basis of the original sales price of the manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach when first sold to a consumer as a new manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach. The annual amount of the fee charged to the owner of a manufactured home or mobilehome subject to a license fee which replaces a manufactured home or mobilehome destroyed, on or after January 1, 1982, as the result of a disaster declared by the Governor, and which meets the requirements of Chapter 2.6 (commencing with Section 172) of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall be determined in accordance with Section 172.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. In the event any manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach subject to this article is modified or added to at a cost of two hundred dollars (\$200), or more, a copy of the building permit required for these modifications shall be entered in the permanent record of the manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach and the department shall classify or reclassify the manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach in its proper class as provided in Section 18115.5. These provisions shall not apply in the event that the modifications are necessary to enable a handicapped person to enter and use the manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach.

(Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 211, Sec. 10. Effective August 5, 2004.)

18115.5. (a) For the purposes of this article, a classification plan is established consisting of the following classes: a class from no dollar (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from fifty dollars (\$50) to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and thereafter a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of a number of classes as will permit classification of all manufactured homes, mobilehomes, or commercial coaches.

(b) The market value of a manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach subject to this article for each registration year of its life, shall be a percentage of that sum, determined as follows:

Registration year	Percentage
First	85
Second	70
Third	55
Fourth	45
Fifth	40
Sixth	35
Seventh	30
Eighth	25
Ninth	24
10th	23

11th	22
12th	21
13th	20
14th	19
15th	18
16th	17
17th	16
18th each succeeding year	15

It is the intent of this section that the market value of any manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach subject to this article shall be the same in each registration year of its life as it would be if determined pursuant to Sections 10752.1, 10753, 10753.2, 10753.3, and 10753.4 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(Amended by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1076, Sec. 85.)

- **18116.** (a) A license fee is due and payable each year for renewal of registration, on or before midnight of the expiration date assigned by the department and noted on the registration card for all manufactured homes, mobilehomes, and commercial coaches which are not subject to local property taxation or otherwise exempt. The license fee is due and payable to the department in accordance with the following applicable time periods:
 - (1) As of the original date of sale, rental, or lease of a new commercial coach.
 - (2) Twenty days after the date of entry into California of a commercial coach previously registered in another state.
 - (3) Twenty days after the date of entry into California of a manufactured home or mobilehome sold as new prior to July 1, 1980, and previously registered in another state.
- (b) License fees due for original registration of a new commercial coach are delinquent if not deposited with the department within 10 days of the original date of sale, rental, or lease. License fees due for renewal of registration for a manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach are delinquent if not paid on or before midnight of the expiration date assigned by the department and noted on the registration card that was last issued. License fees due for a manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach previously registered in another state are delinquent if not paid within 40 days after the date of entry into California. A penalty equal to 20 percent of the license fee due shall be added to any license fee due if it is allowed to become delinquent for a period of from 1 through 119 days. No penalty is due if the application and required license fees were placed in the United States mail before midnight on the day before the fees became delinquent, as evidenced by postmark or affidavit by the applicant.
- (c) An added penalty of fifty dollars (\$50) per transportable section shall be collected along with any other license fee and penalty due if the license fee for renewal of registration for a manufactured home or mobilehome is allowed to become delinquent for 120 days or more.
- (d) An added penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200) for each commercial coach shall be added to any license fee and penalty due if the license fee due for an original registration or for each subsequent renewal of registration is allowed to become delinquent for 120 days or more.
- (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that license fees levied on manufactured homes, mobilehomes, or commercial coaches subject to this part shall not be altered or increased from the rates and levels of license fees established prior to January 1, 1981.

 (Amended by Stats. 1990, Ch. 812, Sec. 2.)
- **18116.1.** (a) Nonpayment of the fees and penalties provided for in Sections 18114, 18114.1, and 18115, and in subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 18116 that are due on a mobilehome, manufactured home, commercial coach, truck camper, or floating home shall constitute a lien in favor of the State of California in the amount owing.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the lien provided for in subdivision (a) shall include all fees and penalties due and unpaid beginning with the fees for original registration that became delinquent for 120 days or more and continue to accrue to include all fees and penalties that subsequently become due and remain unpaid.

- (c) Until the amount of a lien provided for in subdivision (a) or (b) is paid to the department, the department shall not do either of the following:
 - (1) Amend the permanent title record of the manufactured home, mobilehome, commercial coach, truck camper, or floating home which is the subject of the lien for the purpose of transferring any ownership interest or transferring or creating any security interest in the manufactured home, mobilehome, commercial coach, truck camper, or floating home.
 - (2) Issue any duplicate, substitute, or new certificate of title, registration card, or copy of a registration card with respect to the manufactured home, mobilehome, commercial coach, truck camper, or floating home which is the subject of the lien.
- (d) (1) When application is made to the department for registration or transfer of registration of a manufactured home or mobilehome, and the applicant is not currently the registered owner, pursuant to the Register Your Mobilehome Program operated by the department in accordance with this subdivision, with respect to all charges assessed by the department prior to the date the title or interest in the manufactured home or mobilehome was transferred to the applicant, the department shall release any lien imposed pursuant to this chapter and waive all outstanding charges assessed by the department, if all of the following requirements are met:
 - (A) The applicant provides documentation demonstrating to the satisfaction of the department ownership and the date of acquisition of ownership interest pursuant to Section 18100.5 or 18102.5.
 - (B) The applicant, or a previous owner, did not take ownership interest on or after January 1, 2017, pursuant to a warehouseman's lien.
 - (C) The application is made prior to December 31, 2020.
 - (D) The applicant pays any charges assessed by the department during the period between the time the applicant took ownership interest or December 31, 2015, whichever is later, and the time the applicant applies for relief pursuant to this subdivision.
 - (E) The applicant has not previously filed for relief pursuant to this subdivision.
 - (F) Any lien pursuant to Section 16182 of the Government Code has been satisfied.
 - (2) If the applicant meets the requirements of paragraph (1) and the other requirements of this chapter not related to nonpayment or late payment of the department's charges, fees, and penalties related to registration and titling, the department shall waive the outstanding charges, fees, or penalties identified in paragraph (1), amend the title record, and issue a duplicate, substitute, or new certificate of title, registration card, or copy of a registration card with respect to the manufactured home or mobilehome, in conformance with this chapter.
 - (3) For purposes of any amounts owing pursuant to this subdivision, the department may establish a long term payment program of up to five years. The department may provide that any amounts owing under the payment program shall constitute a lien in favor of the State of California in the amount owing and shall be paid in full if the manufactured home or mobilehome is subsequently transferred. Failure to make the payments required by the plan is a violation of this chapter for which the department may suspend, revoke, or cancel the certificate of title pursuant to Section 18122.
 - (4) (A) If the manufactured home or mobilehome for which an application has been submitted and approved pursuant to this subdivision and the other requirements of this chapter not related to nonpayment or late payment of the department's charges, fees, and penalties related to registration and titling, is subject to local property taxation, the department shall issue a conditional transfer of title.
 - (B) Upon presentation of a completed tax liability certificate as provided in subdivision (f) of Section 5832 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, if the applicant meets all of the requirements of this section and the other requirements of this chapter not related to nonpayment or late payment of the department's charges, fees, and penalties related to registration and titling, and the requirements of paragraph (2) are met, the department shall amend the title record and issue a duplicate, substitute, or new certificate of title.
- (e) On or before July 1, 2021, the department shall publish an analysis of manufactured home and mobilehome registration that came into compliance through the Register Your Mobilehome Program pursuant to subdivision (d). The analysis shall include whether each unit is subject to an in-lieu tax or to local property taxation, and the number of units for which a waiver of taxes assessed by the department prior to the transfer of title of the manufactured home or mobilehome was requested.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 488, Sec. 1. (AB 173) Effective January 1, 2020.)

18116.2. (a) If the lien in favor of the State of California in the amount owing as provided by Section 18116.1 is against a commercial coach, and that lien has not been satisfied for a period of one year from the date the commercial coach became subject to the lien, the department may collect the amount of the lien on the commercial coach plus costs not to exceed four hundred fifty

dollars (\$450) by appropriate civil action or by seizure and sale of the commercial coach and its contents on which the lien has been placed or by seizure and sale of any other commercial coach owned by the owner of the commercial coach on which the lien has been placed.

- (b) At least 10 days before the seizure, notice of the lien and of the intent to seize and sell the commercial coach and its contents shall be given by the department to the registered owner and legal owners, and any other persons known to be claiming an interest in the commercial coach or its contents, by registered mail addressed to those persons at the last known address appearing on the department's records.
- (c) Any person receiving the notice of the lien and the intent to seize and sell the commercial coach and its contents may request a hearing to contest the existence or the amount of the lien. If no hearing is requested, the commercial coach and its contents shall be seized and sold.
- (d) If a hearing is requested, a 10-day notice shall be given of the time and place of the hearing, which shall be held within the county of residence of the person requesting the hearing or of the registered owner. The hearing shall be conducted by a referee, who shall submit findings and recommendations to the director of the department or the director's authorized representative, who shall decide the matter. The decision shall be effective on notice thereof to the interested parties.
- (e) At any time before seizure or sale, any registered owner, legal owner or person claiming an interest in the commercial coach or its contents may pay the department the amount of the lien, plus costs. In that event, the seizure and sale shall not be held and the commercial coach and its contents, if seized, shall be returned by the department to the person entitled to its possession. This payment shall not constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing.
- (f) When the department or an authorized agent has reasonable cause to believe that the lien may be jeopardized within the 10-day notice of intent period, the commercial coach and its contents may be seized without prior notice to the registered owner or legal owner, upon obtaining authorization for the seizure from the director of the department or the director's authorized representative. In those cases, a notice of the lien and the intent to sell the commercial coach and its contents shall be given by the department to the registered and legal owners and anyone known to be claiming an interest in the commercial coach or its contents, within 48 hours after seizure, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and the holidays specified in Section 6700 of the Government Code. Any hearing to contest the lien and the seizure shall be requested within 10 days of the date that notice was placed in the United States mail.
- (g) When a lien exists against one or more commercial coaches owned by the same person, persons, or company, the department may seize and sell a sufficient number of commercial coaches to satisfy the lien plus costs, in accordance with subdivision (a).
- (h) Any state, municipality, or county law enforcement agency may assist with the seizure and impounding of the commercial coach.
- (i) The department shall make a physical inventory of all the contents of a commercial coach that has been seized within 24 hours of the time of seizure. Copies of the inventory of contents shall be made available to any one rightfully entitled to that information.
- (j) After deducting from the proceeds of sale, any amount due to satisfy the lien in favor of the state and the cost of the seizure and sale, any excess proceeds of sale shall be deposited in a special account. The registered owner, legal owner, or anyone claiming an interest in the mobilehome or its contents may file a claim to share in the excess proceeds of sale within one year from the date of sale. If any excess proceeds of sale remain in this special account after one year from the date of sale that money shall be transferred to the Mobilehome-Manufactured Home Revolving Fund.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 765, Sec. 5.)

18116.5. Used manufactured homes, used mobilehomes, and used floating homes subject to local property taxation are exempt from the payment of use tax upon resale or transfer as provided in Section 6379 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(Amended by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1467, Sec. 34. Effective October 2, 1985.)

18117. An application for registration under this part of a manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach previously registered outside of this state shall be accompanied by payment of the amount required to be paid under Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the use of the manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach by the applicant.

(Amended by Stats. 1996, Ch. 799, Sec. 11. Effective January 1, 1997.)

18117.5. The transfer fee is delinquent if not paid within 20 days of receipt by the transferee of a properly executed certificate of title for the manufactured home, mobilehome, commercial coach, truck camper, or floating home.

(Amended by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1467, Sec. 35. Effective October 2, 1985.)

18118. Whenever any application for a change, addition, or deletion of the registered owner's name or names is filed with the department during the 60 days immediately preceding the expiration date of the current registration of a manufactured home, mobilehome, or commercial coach, subject to annual renewal of registration, the application shall be accompanied by the full renewal fees for the ensuing registration year in addition to any other fees that may be due and payable.

(Amended by Stats. 1987, Ch. 765, Sec. 6.)

- **18119.** (a) If the license fee has not been paid on or before the 60th day following the date on which the fee became delinquent, the department shall mail a notice to the registered owner, legal owner and each junior lienholder shown on the permanent title record as of that date, containing the following information:
 - (1) That the license fee is delinquent.
 - (2) That the manufactured home or mobilehome will become subject to a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50) per transportable unit pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 18116, if the fees and penalties are not paid on or before the 120th day after the date of delinquency.
- (b) On or before the last day of each calendar month, the department shall furnish a listing of new registrations and transfers of title to manufactured homes and mobilehomes subject to local property taxation under Section 5801 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and of all voluntary transfers to local property taxation, as provided in subdivision (c), to the county assessor of the county in which the manufactured home or mobilehome is sited.
- (c) The department shall transfer a manufactured home or mobilehome which is subject to vehicle license fee to local property taxation upon a request for the transfer, as prescribed by the department, executed by the registered owner, legal owner, and each junior lienholder. Transfer pursuant to this subdivision shall be final. Persons obtaining such a transfer thereby waive all entitlement to petition for reinstatement to the vehicle license fee, and are not entitled to the refund of any vehicle registration fees or vehicle license fees paid which apply to the period between the date of voluntary transfer and the expiration of the registration period for which the fees were paid.

(Amended by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1760, Sec. 4. Effective October 1, 1984.)