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DIVISION 13. HOUSING [17000 - 19997] (*Division 13 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.*)

PART 2.3. SPECIAL OCCUPANCY PARKS ACT [18860 - 18874] (*Part 2.3 added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 434, Sec. 39.*)

CHAPTER 3. Findings and Purposes [18863 - 18863.4] (*Chapter 3 added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 434, Sec. 39.*)

18863. The Legislature finds and declares that increasing numbers of Californians own and use recreational vehicles for recreation, vacations, and temporary housing. Because these vehicles are highly mobile and use various facilities throughout the state, there is a need for consistent and uniform statewide regulations for special occupancy parks to assure their health, safety, and general welfare, and a decent living environment.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 434, Sec. 39. Effective January 1, 2002. Operative January 1, 2004, by Sec. 44 of Ch. 434, as amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1038.)

18863.1. The Legislature finds and declares that the standards and requirements established for construction, maintenance, occupancy, use, and design of parks should guarantee park occupants or residents maximum protection of their investment and a decent living environment. At the same time, the standards and requirements should be flexible enough to accommodate new technologies and to allow designs that reduce costs and enhance the living environment of park occupants or residents.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 434, Sec. 39. Effective January 1, 2002. Operative January 1, 2004, by Sec. 44 of Ch. 434, as amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1038.)

18863.2. The Legislature finds and declares that inclusion of specific standards within a statute often precludes the rapid and flexible action needed to correct substandard conditions, and that it is desirable to delete outdated requirements, and to add new and useful requirements designed to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of park occupants or residents or to encourage use of new technologies in the development of parks.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 434, Sec. 39. Effective January 1, 2002. Operative January 1, 2004, by Sec. 44 of Ch. 434, as amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1038.)

18863.3. The Legislature finds and declares that the specific requirements relating to construction, maintenance, occupancy, use, and design of parks are best developed by the department in accordance with the criteria established by this part. Placing this responsibility with the department will allow for modifications of specific requirements in a rapid fashion and in a manner responsive to the needs of park occupants or residents and owners.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 434, Sec. 39. Effective January 1, 2002. Operative January 1, 2004, by Sec. 44 of Ch. 434, as amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1038.)

18863.4. (a) It is the purpose of this part to accomplish both of the following:

- (1) Assure protection of the health, safety, and general welfare of all park occupants or residents.
- (2) Allow modifications in regulations adopted pursuant to this part in a manner consistent with the criteria established in this part.

(b) The regulations adopted by the department pursuant to the authority granted in this part shall provide equivalent or greater protection to occupants or residents of parks than the statutes and regulations in effect prior to January 1, 1978.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 434, Sec. 39. Effective January 1, 2002. Operative January 1, 2004, by Sec. 44 of Ch. 434, as amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1038.)