



114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

Legislative Document

No. 2168

H.P. 1562

House of Representatives, January 9, 1990

Reported by Representative SHELTRA for the Commission on Manufactured

Housing pursuant to Private and Special Law 1987, chapter 139. Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

Crea

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Regarding Mobile Home Safety Standards.

_	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec.1. 10 MRSA 9094 , sub- 2 , $PB-1$ is enacted to read:
4	P 1 At the time of cole on change in the principal
6	<u>B-1. At the time of sale or change in the principal</u> occupant of a mobile home, the park owner or operator may require the owner of the home, if built before June 15,
8	1976, to provide evidence that the home meets the
10	Manufactured Housing Board's used manufactured home standard regarding heating and electrical systems and fire safety. The mobile home owner may demonstrate compliance with the
12	standard by providing the park owner with a report signed by
14	the following persons and indicating that the home complies with the standard's specifications regarding those aspects of the home inspected:
16	or the nome inspected.
18	(1) A licensed electrician who inspected the home's electrical system;
20	(2) A licensed oil burner repairer who inspected the home's heating system; and
22	
24	(3) A licensed engineer who inspected the home for fire safety.
26	Signature of the report may not be construed for any purpose as an endorsement that the home meets provisions of the
28	standard other than those for which the inspection was conducted. A park owner who receives a signed report may
30	not require removal of a home under this section on the basis of fire safety or the safety of the home's heating and
` 32	electrical systems.
34	Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9094, sub-§2, ¶¶F-1 and F-2 are enacted to read:
36	F-1. The Manufactured Housing Board shall adopt rules under
38	
40	cover all equipment and installations in the construction,
42	the plumbing, heat-producing and electrical systems and fire safety of used manufactured homes that are designed to be
44	<u>used as dwellings. The standard must seek to ensure that</u> used manufactured homes do not present an imminent and
46	<u>unreasonable risk of death or serious personal injury.</u>
48	<u>F-2. The Manufactured Housing Board shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having</u>
50	jurisdiction over legal affairs on the implementation of paragraph B-1 and any changes to the used manufactured home
52	standard no later than January 1, 1992.

2

4

б

8

10

12

14

16

18

20

22

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9094, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. B, §3 and Pt. C, §10, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is a unanimous final recommendation of the Manufactured Housing Commission, established by Private and Special Law 1987, chapter 139.

Park operators may no longer require the removal of mobile homes from parks solely because of their construction date or the fact that they were not built to the construction code adopted by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1976. This bill enables park owners and operators to require that a mobile home not built to the federal construction code be inspected to determine fire safety and the safety of heating and electrical systems by appropriate licensed tradespeople in order to determine that the home is safe enough to remain in the park. The park owner or operator may require the mobile home owner to provide the report only at the time the home is sold or when there is a change in the primary resident of the home.

24 Under this bill, the mobile home owner bears the costs of the necessary inspections, but a written report signed by the
26 inspectors would be sufficient to allow the home to remain in the park if the report indicates that the Manufactured Housing
28 Board's used manufactured home standard is met.