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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to labor and industry; allowing a licensed residential building contractor
1.3 to receive an installation seal for the installation of used manufactured homes;
1.4 clarifying that a used manufactured home may bear a label or data plate; amending
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 327.32, subdivisions 1a, 1e.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 327.32, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 1a. Requirement; used manufactured homes. No person shall sell or offer for
1.9 sale in this state any used manufactured home manufactured after June 14, 1976, or install
1.10 for occupancy any used manufactured home manufactured after June 14, 1976, unless the
1.11 used manufactured home complies with the Notice of Compliance Form as provided in this
1.12 subdivision. If manufactured after June 14, 1976, the home must bear a label or data plate
1.13 as required by the secretary. The Notice of Compliance Form shall be signed by the seller
1.14 and purchaser indicating which party is responsible for either making or paying for any
1.15 necessary corrections prior to the sale and transferring ownership of the manufactured home.

1.16 The Notice of Compliance Form shall be substantially in the following form:

1.17 "Notice of Compliance Form as required in Minnesota Statutes, section 327.32, subdivision

1.18 1

1.19 This notice must be completed and signed by the purchaser(s) and the seller(s) of the used
1.20 manufactured home described in the purchase agreement and on the bottom of this notice
1.21 before the parties transfer ownership of a used manufactured home constructed after June
1.22 14, 1976.

2.1 Electric ranges and clothes dryers must have required four-conductor cords and plugs. For  
 2.2 the purpose of complying with the requirements of section 327B.06, a licensed retailer or  
 2.3 limited retailer shall retain at least one copy of the form required under this subdivision.

2.4 Complies ..... Correction required .....

2.5 Initialed by Responsible Party: Buyer ..... Seller .....

2.6 Solid fuel-burning fireplaces or stoves must be listed for use in manufactured homes, Code  
 2.7 of Federal Regulations, title 24, section 3280.709 (g), and installed correctly in accordance  
 2.8 with their listing or standards (i.e., chimney, doors, hearth, combustion, or intake, etc., Code  
 2.9 of Federal Regulations, title 24, section 3280.709 (g)).

2.10 Complies ..... Correction required .....

2.11 Initialed by Responsible Party: Buyer ..... Seller .....

2.12 Gas water heaters and furnaces must be listed for manufactured home use, Code of Federal  
 2.13 Regulations, title 24, section 3280.709 (a) and (d)(1) and (2), and installed correctly, in  
 2.14 accordance with their listing or standards.

2.15 Complies ..... Correction required .....

2.16 Initialed by Responsible Party: Buyer ..... Seller .....

2.17 Smoke alarms are required to be installed and operational in accordance with Code of  
 2.18 Federal Regulations, title 24, section 3280.208.

2.19 Complies ..... Correction required .....

2.20 Initialed by Responsible Party: Buyer ..... Seller .....

2.21 Carbon monoxide alarms or CO detectors that are approved and operational are required to  
 2.22 be installed within ten feet of each room lawfully used for sleeping purposes.

2.23 Complies ..... Correction required .....

2.24 Initialed by Responsible Party: Buyer ..... Seller .....

2.25 Egress windows are required in every bedroom with at least one operable window with a  
 2.26 net clear opening of 20 inches wide and 24 inches high, five square feet in area, with the  
 2.27 bottom of windows opening no more than 36 inches above the floor. Locks, latches, operating  
 2.28 handles, tabs, or other operational devices shall not be located more than 54 inches above  
 2.29 the finished floor.

2.30 Complies ..... Correction required .....

2.31 Initialed by Responsible Party: Buyer ..... Seller .....

3.1 The furnace compartment of the home is required to have interior finish with a flame spread  
 3.2 rating not exceeding 25, as specified in the 1976 United States Department of Housing and  
 3.3 Urban Development Code governing manufactured housing construction.

3.4 Complies ..... Correction required .....

3.5 Initialed by Responsible Party: Buyer ..... Seller .....

3.6 The water heater enclosure in this home is required to have interior finish with a flame  
 3.7 spread rating not exceeding 25, as specified in the 1976 United States Department of Housing  
 3.8 and Urban Development Code governing manufactured housing construction.

3.9 Complies ..... Correction required .....

3.10 Initialed by Responsible Party: Buyer ..... Seller .....

3.11 The home complies with the snowload and heat zone requirements for the state of Minnesota  
 3.12 as indicated by the data plate.

3.13 Complies ..... Correction required .....

3.14 Initialed by Responsible Party: Buyer ..... Seller .....

3.15 The parties to this agreement have initialed all required sections and agree by their signature  
 3.16 to complete any necessary corrections prior to the sale or transfer of ownership of the home  
 3.17 described below as listed in the purchase agreement. The state of Minnesota or a local  
 3.18 building official has the authority to inspect the home in the manner described in Minnesota  
 3.19 Statutes, section 327.33, prior to or after the sale to ensure compliance was properly executed  
 3.20 as provided under the Manufactured Home Building Code.

3.21 Signature of Purchaser(s) of Home

3.22 .....date.....date.....

3.23 .....date.....date.....

3.24 Print name as appears on purchase agreement Print name as appears on purchase agreement

3.25 Signature of Seller(s) of Home

3.26 .....date.....date.....

3.27 .....date.....date.....

3.28 Print name and license number, if applicable Print name and license number, if applicable  
 3.29 (Street address of home at time of sale)

3.30 .....date.....date.....

3.31 (City/State/Zip) .....

3.32 Name of manufacturer of home .....

3.33 Model and year .....

3.34 Serial number ..... "

4.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.2 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 327.32, subdivision 1e, is amended to read:

4.3 Subd. 1e. **Reinstallation requirements for used manufactured homes.** (a) All used  
4.4 manufactured homes reinstalled less than 24 months from the date of installation by the  
4.5 first purchaser must be reinstalled in compliance with subdivision 1c. All used manufactured  
4.6 homes reinstalled more than 24 months from the date of installation by the first purchaser  
4.7 may be reinstalled without a frost-protected foundation if the home is reinstalled in  
4.8 compliance with Minnesota Rules, chapter 1350, for above frost-line installations and the  
4.9 notice requirement of subdivision 1f is complied with by the seller and the purchaser of the  
4.10 used manufactured home.

4.11 (b) The installer or licensed residential building contractor shall affix an installation seal  
4.12 issued by the department to the outside of the home as required by the Minnesota State  
4.13 Building Code. The certificate of installation issued by the installer of record shall clearly  
4.14 state that the home has been reinstalled with an above frost-line foundation. Fees for  
4.15 inspection of a reinstallation and for issuance of reinstallation seals shall follow the  
4.16 requirements of sections 326B.802 to 326B.885. Fees for review of plans, specifications,  
4.17 and on-site inspections shall be those as specified in section 326B.153, subdivision 1,  
4.18 paragraph (c). Whenever an installation certificate for an above frost-line installation is  
4.19 issued to a used manufactured home being listed for sale, the purchase agreement must  
4.20 disclose that the home is installed on a nonfrost-protected foundation and recommend that  
4.21 the purchaser have the home inspected to determine the effects of frost on the home.

4.22 (c) An installation seal may be issued to a residential building contractor licensed under  
4.23 section 326B.805, for use in the installation of used manufactured homes only after the  
4.24 qualifying person for the residential building contractor has completed a three-hour training  
4.25 course relating to the installation of manufactured homes that has been approved by either  
4.26 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or by the commissioner.  
4.27 The course completion certificate shall be submitted to the commissioner.