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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1124

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 22, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1124 would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with the Public Service Commission to inspect any mobile home in a mobile home park for compliance with minimum health and safety standards. Cities, villages, and counties that have a certificate of exemption from the Uniform Standard Code for Mobile Home Parks, as they provide their own regulation of mobile home parks (which are no less stringent than the state standards), may also contract with the PSC for inspection of individual mobile homes. HHS, with advice from the PSC, shall adopt rules and regulations pertaining to minimum health and safety requirements for individual mobile homes in a mobile home park.

A fee that covers the actual cost of the inspection shall be paid by the licensee of the mobile home park, but may be recovered from the owner of the mobile home that is inspected.

If upon inspection, the mobile home fails to meet minimum health and safety standards, the PSC shall supply a notice of deficiencies to the owner of the mobile home, the licensee of the mobile home park and the Department of Health and Human Services. HHS shall then notify the owner of the mobile home that they have 90 days to correct the deficiencies or remove the home from the mobile home park, or be subject to a condemnation order. Likewise, if the owner or the tenant of a mobile home refuses to allow the PSC to conduct the inspection within 30 days of being notified of the request for inspection, the mobile home shall be subject to a condemnation order.

The bill also puts a condemnation process in place, similar to one in current statutes pertaining to the authority of the State Fire Marshall.

Currently HHS may deny the issuance of a license to a mobile home park owner if not in compliance with the Uniform Standard Code for Mobile Home Parks. If the owner fails to comply with the provisions of LB 1124, it would also constitute grounds for the denial of a license.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator L. Patrick Engel