

## **RRC STAFF OPINION**

*PLEASE NOTE: THIS COMMUNICATION IS EITHER 1) ONLY THE RECOMMENDATION OF AN RRC STAFF ATTORNEY AS TO ACTION THAT THE ATTORNEY BELIEVES THE COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE ON THE CITED RULE AT ITS NEXT MEETING, OR 2) AN OPINION OF THAT ATTORNEY AS TO SOME MATTER CONCERNING THAT RULE. THE AGENCY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR OWN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (IN ACCORD WITH RRC RULES) TO THE COMMISSION.*

AGENCY: Department of Insurance

RULE CITATION: 11 NCAC 08 .0904

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Approve, but note staff's comment
- X Object, based on:
  - X Lack of statutory authority
  - Unclear or ambiguous
  - Unnecessary
- X Failure to comply with the APA
- Extend the period of review

COMMENT:

Staff recommends that the Rules Review Commission object to the rule amendments filed by the Department of Insurance (DOI), because: (1) the Manufactured Housing Board (Board), and not the DOI, has the statutory authority to amend this rule; and (2) the amended rule requires a criminal record check from an applicant for a license as a manufactured home manufacturer and dealer and does not limit the requirement to initial licenses, even though the General Assembly modified this authority.

### **Authority to Adopt Licensure Rules Related to Manufactured Homes Licenses**

The Board is the agency empowered to adopt rules related to manufactured homes licenses:

(b) In accordance with the provisions of this Part, the [Manufactured Housing] Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To **issue licenses** to manufacturers, dealers, salespersons, and set-up contractors.

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- (4) To **adopt rules** in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Part.

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G.S. 143-143.10. Under this authority and pursuant to G.S. 150B, Article 2A, the Board is required to approve and publish the notice of text and the text of the rule, to conduct a public hearing if one is held (here, a public hearing was announced in the notice of text), and to adopt the rule. G.S. 150B-21.2.

The DOI, not the Board, is listed as the “rule-making agency” on the Submission for Permanent Rule form for this amended rule. The DOI was identified as the agency intending to amend the rule in the N.C. Register notice. Moreover, it does not appear that it was the Board that approved, published, and adopted the amendment to the rule, because the Board’s quarterly meeting schedule (attached) seems inconsistent with the dates for these actions, as stated on the Submission for Permanent Rule form.

While the duty to conduct the public hearing may have been delegated to DOI personnel, research has not revealed any delegation to DOI of the authority to approve, publish, or adopt the amendment to the rule or, indeed, any explicit authority that would allow the Board to delegate these duties to DOI. Staff has contacted DOI personnel and inquired about all of these issues, but has received no response that resolves the concerns outlined in this staff opinion.

Staff recommends that the Rules Review Commission object to the amended rule because the DOI does not have the statutory authority to amend this rule and DOI has failed to comply with the APA.

**Failure to comply with Session Law 2015-286, Section 2.2:**

The rule is being amended in response to Session Law 2015-286, Section 2.2:

SECTION 2.2. G.S. 143-143.10A reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-143.10A. Criminal history checks of applicants for licensure.

(a) Definitions. – The following definitions shall apply in this section:

(1) Applicant. – A person applying for initial licensure as a manufactured home ~~manufacturer, dealer, salesperson, salesperson~~ or set-up contractor.

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(b) All applicants for initial licensure shall consent to a criminal history record check....

The session law removes manufacturers and dealers from the definition of “applicant” for licensure by the Board, and limits the criminal history check to initial licenses only, rather than to all licenses.

Manufacturers and dealers who engage in the business of manufactured homes are required to be licensed. G.S. 143-143.11(a). Paragraph (a) of the rule requires that manufacturers and dealers consent to a criminal history check and applies this requirement to all licenses, rather than initial licenses only, contrary to the explicit provision of the Session Law 2015-286, Section 2.2.

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Staff recommends that the Rules Review Commission object to the amended rule because it requires that manufacturers and dealers consent to a criminal history check and applies this requirement to all licenses.

**Summary:**

Staff recommends objection to the amended rule, pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.9(a), because: (1) the DOI does not have the statutory authority to amend this rule and failed to comply with the APA; and (2) the amended rule requires a criminal record check from an applicant for a license as a manufactured home manufacturer and dealer and does not limit the requirement to initial licenses, without statutory authority.



**§ 143-143.11. License required; application for license.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any manufactured home manufacturer, dealer, salesperson, or set-up contractor to engage in business as such in this State without first obtaining a license from the Board for each place of business operated by the licensee, as provided in this Part. The fact that a person is licensed by the Board as a set-up contractor or a dealer does not preempt any other licensing boards' applicable requirements for that person.

(b) Application for the license shall be made to the Board at such time, in such form, and contain information the Board requires, and shall be accompanied by the fee established by the Board. The fee shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for each license issued. In addition to the license fee, the Board may also charge an applicant a fee to cover the cost of the criminal history record check required by G.S. 143-143.10A.

(c) In the application, the Board shall require information relating to the matters set forth in G.S. 143-143.13 as grounds for refusal of a license, and information relating to other pertinent matters consistent with safeguarding the public interest. All of this information shall be considered by the Board in determining the fitness of the applicant. Once the Board has determined that an applicant is fit, the Board must provide the applicant a license for each place of business operated by the applicant.

(d) All licenses shall expire, unless revoked or suspended, on June 30 of each year following the date of issue.

(e) Every licensee shall, on or before the first day of July of each year, obtain a renewal of a license for the next year by applying to the Board, completing the necessary hours of continuing education required under G.S. 143-143.11B, and paying the required renewal fee for each place of business operated by the licensee. The renewal fee shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for each license issued. Upon failure to renew by the first day of July, a license automatically expires. The license may be renewed at any time within one year after its lapse upon payment of the renewal fee and a late filing fee. The late filing fee shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00).

(f) Repealed by Session Laws 2005-297, s. 1, effective August 22, 2005.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the Board may provide by rule that a manufactured home salesperson will be allowed to engage in business during the time period after making application for a license but before such license is granted.

(h) As a prerequisite to obtaining a license under this Part, a person may be required to pass an examination prescribed by the Board that is based on the Code, this Part, and any other subject matter considered relevant by the Board. (1981, c. 952, s. 2; 1985, c. 487, s. 1; 1987, c. 429, s. 19; 1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1039, ss. 2, 3; 1989, c. 485, s. 44; 1991, c. 644, s. 35; 1999-393, s. 1; 2003-400, s. 10; 2005-297, s. 1.; 2005-451, s. 1; 2009-451, s. 21.4.)



## **MANUFACTURED HOME LICENSE/CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK**

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(a) Definitions. – The following definitions shall apply in this section:

(1) Applicant. – A person applying for initial licensure as a manufactured home ~~manufacturer, dealer, salesperson, salesperson~~ or set-up contractor.

...

(b) All applicants for initial licensure shall consent to a criminal history record check. Refusal to consent to a criminal history record check may constitute grounds for the Board to deny licensure to an applicant. The Board shall ensure that the State and national criminal history of an applicant is checked. Applicants shall obtain criminal record reports from one or more reporting services designated by the Board to provide criminal record reports. Each applicant is required to pay the designated service for the cost of the criminal record report. In the alternative, the Board may provide to the North Carolina Department of Public Safety the fingerprints of the applicant to be checked, a form signed by the applicant consenting to the criminal record check and the use of fingerprints and other identifying information required by the State or National Repositories of Criminal Histories, and any additional information required by the Department of Public Safety. The Board shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section confidential.

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## **AMEND DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYEE" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT TO EXCLUDE VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICERS OF CERTAIN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

**SECTION 2.3.** G.S. 97-2(2) reads as rewritten:

### **"§ 97-2. Definitions.**

When used in this Article, unless the context otherwise requires:

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(2) Employee. – The term "employee" means every person engaged in an employment under any appointment or contract of hire or apprenticeship, express or implied, oral or written, including aliens, and also minors, whether lawfully or unlawfully employed, but excluding persons whose employment is both casual and not in the course of the trade, business, profession, or occupation of his employer, and as relating to those so employed by the State, the term "employee" shall include all officers and employees of the State, including such as are elected by the people, or by the General Assembly, or appointed by the Governor to serve on a per diem, part-time or fee basis, either with or without the confirmation of the Senate; as relating to municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State, the term "employee" shall include all officers and employees thereof, including such as are elected by the people. The term "employee" shall include members of the North Carolina National Guard while on State active duty under orders of the Governor and members of the North Carolina State Defense Militia while on State active duty under orders of the Governor. The term "employee" shall include deputy sheriffs and all persons acting in the capacity of deputy sheriffs, whether appointed by the sheriff or by the governing body of the county and whether serving on a fee basis or on a salary basis, or whether deputy sheriffs serving upon a full-time basis or a part-time basis, and including deputy sheriffs appointed to serve in an emergency, but as to those so appointed, only during the continuation of the emergency. The sheriff shall furnish to the board of county commissioners a complete list of all deputy sheriffs named or appointed by him immediately after their appointment and notify the board of commissioners of any changes made therein promptly after such changes are made. Any reference to an employee who has been injured shall, when the employee is dead, include also the employee's legal representative, dependents, and other persons to whom compensation may be payable: Provided, further, that any employee, as herein defined, of a municipality, county, or of the State of



## *Manufactured Building*

Wayne Goodwin, Commissioner of Insurance  
Rick McIntyre, Assistant State Fire Marshal

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# **NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD**

(JANUARY 1, 2015)

## **SCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR**

### **2015**

TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 10, 2015	9:00 AM
TUESDAY	MAY 12, 2015	9:00 AM
TUESDAY	AUGUST 11, 2015	9:00 AM
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 10, 2015	9:00 AM

### **2016**

TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 9, 2016	9:00 AM
TUESDAY	MAY 10, 2016	9:00 AM
TUESDAY	AUGUST 9, 2016	9:00 AM
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 8, 2016	9:00 AM

ALL MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED) AT THE OSFM OFFICES ADDRESS BELOW:

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE  
OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
322 CHAPANOKE ROAD  
RALEIGH, NC**

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT KAREN HOLDEN AT 919-661-5880 EXT. 214

## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY:      Manufactured Housing Board

RULE CITATION:      11 NCAC 08 .0904

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

**NOTE WELL:** *This request when viewed on computer extends several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.*

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the rule will be approved. You may call this office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing these rules, the staff determined that the following technical changes need to be made. Approval of any rule is contingent upon making technical changes as set forth in G.S. 150B-21.10.

*Submission for Permanent Rule form, box 1 – please identify the Manufactured Housing Board as the rule-making agency if the Board, in fact, proposed, noticed and adopted this rule.*

*Page 1, line 10 – add “the” before “applicant”*

*Page 1, line 12 – replace “resume” with “resume” twice (there is an unnecessary ‘ at the end of the word)*

*Page 1, line 12 – replace “include” with “state his or her”*

*Page 1, line 13 – delete “a” before “complete” and add “his or her” before “residences”*

*Page 1, line 14 – replace “Type” with “The type”*

*Page 1, line 15 – replace “Signature” with “The signature” and add “and at the end of the line if lines 17-18 are deleted.*

*Page 1, line 16 – replace “attached; and” with “attached.” if lines 17-18 are deleted.*

*Page 1, lines 17-18 – what is the statutory authority for this requirement? Session Law 2015-286, Sec. 2.2 appears to have deleted this authority. If so, please delete Subparagraph (a)(8).*

*Page 1, line 21 – add “the” before “applicant”*

*Page 1, line 23 – replace “resume” with “resume” twice (there is an unnecessary ‘ at the end of the word)*

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Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: October 25, 2016

*Page 1, line 23 – replace “include” with “state his or her”*

*Page 1, line 24 – delete “a” before “complete” and add “his or her” before “residences”*

*Page 1, line 25 – replace “Type” with “The type”*

*Page 1, line 26 – replace “Signature” with “The signature”*

*Page 1, line 35 – add “the” before “applicant”*

*Page 2, line 4 – what “terms of cancellation” are “specified in 11 NCAC 08 .0905”? Is this citation correct?*

*Page 2, line 14 – are these forms also available on a website? If so, please provide the web address.*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Date submitted to agency: October 25, 2016



11 NCAC 08. 0904 is amended as published in 31.02 NCR 111-112 as follows:

## CHAPTER 08 – ENGINEERING AND BUILDING CODES DIVISION

### SECTION .0900 – MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD

#### 11 NCAC 08 .0904 FORMS

(a) The application for license as a manufactured housing ~~manufacturer, dealer, and set-up contractor~~ manufacturer and manufactured housing dealer shall include the following:

- (1) The name of the person or business applicant;
- (2) The business address of applicant;
- (3) The state under whose laws the applicant firm or corporation is organized or incorporated;
- (4) A resume' of each owner, partner, or officer of the corporation. Each resume' shall include education and a complete job history, as well as a listing of residences for the last seven years.
- (5) Type of license applied for;
- (6) Signature of the person with authority to legally obligate the applicant;
- (7) A statement that the appropriate bond is attached; and
- (8) A criminal history record check consent form signed by each owner, partner and officer of the corporation, and any other documentation or materials required by G.S. 143-143.10A.

(b) The application for license as a manufactured set-up contractor shall include the following:

- (1) The name of the person or business applicant;
- (2) The business address of applicant;
- (3) The state under whose laws the applicant firm or corporation is organized or incorporated;
- (4) A resume' of each owner, partner, or officer of the corporation. Each resume' shall include education and a complete job history, as well as a listing of residences for the last seven years.
- (5) Type of license applied for;
- (6) Signature of the person with authority to legally obligate the applicant;
- (7) A statement that the appropriate bond is attached; and
- (8) A criminal history record check consent form signed by each owner, partner and officer of the corporation with their initial application, and any other documentation or materials required by G.S. 143-143.10A.

~~(b)~~(c) The application for license as a manufactured housing salesperson shall include the following:

- (1) The name of the applicant;
- (2) The applicant's address;
- (3) The name and business address of the dealer employing the applicant;
- (4) The name and address of previous employers of applicant for the past three years;
- (5) Three personal references;
- (6) A wallet size photograph; and

(7) A criminal history record check consent form signed by each ~~applicant~~, applicant with their initial application, and any other documentation or materials required by G.S. 143-143.10A.

~~(e)~~(d) Corporate surety bonds shall include the name of the applicant, the name of the surety, the amount of the bond, and the terms of cancellation specified in 11 NCAC 08 .0905.

~~(d)~~(e) All license forms shall include the name and address of the licensee, the type of license being issued, the date of issuance, the date of expiration, the amount of the license fee, and the terms of the license.

~~(e)~~(f) All applications for renewal of licenses shall include the name and address of the applicant, the type of license, the date the license expires, the amount of the license renewal fee, and instructions for completion.

(g) A request for cancellation of license shall include the name and address of the licensee, the effective date of the cancellation, the specific reason for the cancellation, and the signature of the person with authority to legally obligate the licensee.

~~(g)~~(h) Each application form and criminal history record check form required by Paragraphs ~~(a)~~(b) and ~~(b)~~(c) of this Rule may be obtained from the North Carolina Manufactured Housing Board, c/o North Carolina Department of Insurance, 1202 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1202.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143-143.10; 143-143.10A; 143-143.11; 143-143.12;*

*Eff. January 1, 1983;*

*Amended Eff. December 1, 2016; February 1, 2006; March 1, 1988.*