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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Section 21-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 5 (a) No owner or operator of a mobile manufactured home park shall
- 6 require a resident who owns a mobile manufactured home which is safe,
- 7 sanitary and in conformance with aesthetic standards to remove the
- 8 home from the development at the time such mobile manufactured
- 9 home is sold or a mortgage on such a home is foreclosed provided that
- 10 the purchaser or foreclosing mortgagee shall assume and be bound by
- 11 the rental agreement of the foreclosed mortgagor and shall be bound by
- 12 the rules and regulations of the park.

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(b) A mobile manufactured home shall be presumed to be safe and sanitary if it is established that the mobile manufactured home was constructed in accordance with any nationally recognized building or construction code or standard. Failure to meet any such standard or the provisions of any such code shall not automatically raise a presumption that the mobile manufactured home is unsafe or unsanitary. Such failure shall not be used as a reason for withholding approval of an on-site sale unless such failure renders the mobile manufactured home unsafe or unsanitary.

- (c) The owner of a mobile manufactured home park shall bear the burden of showing that a mobile manufactured home is unsafe, unsanitary, or fails to meet the aesthetic standards of the development. No aesthetic standard concerning those physical characteristics such as size, original color or original building materials, which cannot be changed without undue financial hardship to the resident, shall be applied against a mobile manufactured home.
- (d) Any purchaser of a mobile manufactured home sold by a resident may become a resident of the mobile manufactured home park provided he meets the entry requirements for said park and such requirements are equally applied by the owner to all purchasers and prospective residents and the owner approves such entry. Such approval may not be withheld except for good cause. For the purposes of this section good cause means a reasonable cause for the owner to believe (1) that such purchaser intends to utilize the purchased mobile manufactured home for an illegal or immoral purpose or for any purpose that would disturb the quiet enjoyment of the other residents of the park or (2) that the purchaser is or will be financially unable to pay the rent for the space or lot upon which the purchased mobile manufactured home is located. If the owner denies approval to a purchaser, he shall, in writing, state any reason for such disapproval. Such statement shall be delivered to the resident and the purchaser or prospective resident within ten days after the owner receives the completed application of the purchaser or prospective resident. Failure to deliver such notification within ten days

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(e) Any resident wishing to sell his or her home shall request a written statement of the owner's intentions regarding the condition of the home. Within twenty days after receipt of such a request, the owner shall approve the home's condition for resale or deliver a written statement to the resident specifying the reasons why the home is not safe, sanitary, or in conformance with aesthetic standards. Failure of the owner to respond within twenty days shall be deemed to be an approval of the home's condition for resale. If the resident disputes the owner's response, he may seek a declaratory ruling from the Department of Consumer Protection. The resident may attempt to correct defects identified by the owner and may again request the owner's approval of the home's condition for resale. If the resident again disputes the owner's response, he may once again seek a declaratory ruling from the department. An owner's statement of approval shall remain in force for not more than six months. No owner shall exact a commission or fee with respect to the price realized by the seller, unless he has acted as agent for the seller in a sale pursuant to a written contract, or charge a rent for the mobile manufactured home space or lot upon which the purchased mobile manufactured home is located greater than the prevailing rent for any other space or lot located in the park.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of this section, any resident who owns a mobile manufactured home shall, prior to the sale of such mobile manufactured home, allow the owner or operator of the mobile manufactured home park to conduct an inspection of the interior and exterior of such mobile manufactured home to determine whether such mobile manufactured home is safe, sanitary and in conformance with aesthetic standards."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Sec. 501	October 1, 2025		21-79