SENATE BILL NO. 63

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BY SENATOR COUSSAN (On Recommendation of the Louisiana State Law Institute)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 6:969.6(14)(b), (21)(b), (22), and (23)(a), 969.18(A)(6),
3	969.20(C)(1)(c), and 1083(6)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 9:374(B) and (C), Part
4	IV of Chapter 1 of Code Title I of Code Book II of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised
5	Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:1149.1 through 1149.7, R.S. 9:3259.1(A),
6	(B), (E), and (F), 3259.3, and 5363.1, R.S. 10:9-102(a)(53), R.S. 22:1485, R.S.
7	32:1(introductory paragraph) and (44), 412.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (25),
8	702(16), and 707(A), R.S. 33:3081(A)(2), 4562.1(A), and 9053.1(C), and R.S.
9	40:1502.1(A)(2), 1502.2(A), 1502.3(A), 1502.4(A), 1502.5(A), 1502.6(A),
10	1502.7(A), 1502.8(A), 1502.9(A), 1502.10(A), 1502.11(A), 1502.12(A)(2),
11	1502.13(A)(2), 1502.15(A), and 1502.16(A), relative to factory-built homes; to
12	provide for the Factory-Built Home Property Act; to provide definitions; to provide
13	for the classification of factory-built homes; to provide for the transfer of
14	factory-built homes; to provide for security interests; to provide for immobilization;
15	to provide for deimmobilization; to provide technical corrections for the use of the
16	term "factory-built home"; and to provide for related matters.
17	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
18	Section 1. R.S. 6:969.6(14)(b), (21)(b), (22), and (23)(a), 969.18(A)(6),
19	969.20(C)(1)(c), and 1083(6)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted to
20	read as follows:
21	§969.6. Definitions
22	As used in this Chapter:
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(b) The term does not include default charges; delinquency charges; charges
for checks returned for having nonsufficient funds; documentation fees;
manufactured housing factory-built home appraisal and title search fees; other fees
and charges permitted under in accordance with this Chapter; and any additional
fees and charges that the seller agrees to finance under the transaction that are not
considered to be a finance charge under in accordance with 12 C.F.R. CFR 226.4.
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(b) The term does not include fees paid to a non-affiliated nonaffiliated loan broker, default charges, deferral charges, delinquency charges, charges for checks returned for having nonsufficient funds, manufactured housing factory-built home appraisal, title search fees and closing costs, other fees and charges permitted under in accordance with this Chapter, and any additional fees and charges that the lender agrees to finance under the transaction that are not considered to be a finance charge under in accordance with 12 C.F.R. CFR 226.4.

(22) "Manufactured home" means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width or forty body feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. The term includes any structure meeting all of the requirements of this Subsection except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certificate required by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under Title 42 of the United States Code: "Factory-built home" has the meaning given to that term in R.S. 9:1149.2.

(23)(a) "Motor vehicle" means any new or used transportation device, including automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, and other vehicles that are operated over

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1	the public highways and the streets of this state, but does not include traction
2	engines, boat trailers, road rollers, implements of husbandry, and other agricultural
3	vehicles. A manufactured factory-built home is deemed to be a "motor vehicle" for
4	purposes of this Chapter only if it is anticipated at the time of the transaction that the
5	manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home will not be immobilized pursuant to R.S. 9:1149.4
6	<u>9:1149.6</u> .
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8	§969.18. Documentation and compliance fees; notary fees; transfer of equity and
9	other fees; disclosure
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12	(6) The extender of credit may charge for any fees and expenses incurred for
13	flood determination and flood zone monitoring services in connection with the
14	financing of a manufactured factory-built home.
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16	§969.20. Rebates upon prepayment; prepayment charges; return of lien documents
17	upon payment in full of the balance due
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19	C.(1) There is no requirement that prepaid finance charges be rebated upon
20	prepayment in full of a simple interest transaction, provided that all of the following
21	conditions are satisfied:
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23	(c) Other than in connection with a credit transaction involving a
24	manufactured factory-built home, prepaid finance charges assessed under the
25	transaction did not exceed five percent of the original amount financed or amount
26	deferred.
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28	§1083. Definitions
29	As used in this Chapter:
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(6) "Federally related mortgage loan" means an extension of credit to a
consumer secured by a first mortgage on residential immovable property located in
this state, including: a mobile factory-built home which that will be immobilized
pursuant to R.S. 9:1149.4 9:1149.6 and is designed principally for the occupancy of
from one to four families; and which that is one of the following:

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Section 2. R.S. 9:374(B) and (C), Part IV of Chapter 1 of Code Title I of Code Book II of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 9:1149.1 through 1149.7, R.S. 9:3259.1(A), (B), (E), and (F), 3259.3, and 5363.1 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§374. Possession and use of family residence or community movables or immovables

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B. When the family residence is community property or is owned by the spouses in indivision, or the spouses own community immovables or a community manufactured factory-built home as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2 and occupied as a residence, regardless of whether it has been immobilized, after or in conjunction with the filing of a petition for divorce, either spouse may petition for, and a court may award to one of the spouses, after a contradictory hearing, the use and occupancy of the family residence and use of community immovables or the community manufactured factory-built home pending partition of the property or further order of the court, whichever occurs first. In these cases, the court shall inquire into the relative economic status of the spouses, including both community and separate property, and the needs of the children, if any, and shall award the use and occupancy of the family residence and the use of any community immovables or the community manufactured factory-built home to the spouse in accordance with the best interest of the family. If applicable, the court shall consider the granting of the occupancy of the family residence and the use of community immovables or the community manufactured factory-built home in awarding spousal support.

C. A spouse who, in accordance with the provisions of Subsection A or B of

this Section, uses and occupies or is awarded by the court the use and occupancy of the family residence, a community immovable occupied as a residence, or a community manufactured factory-built home as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2 and occupied as a residence, regardless of whether it has been immobilized, shall not be liable to the other spouse for rental for the use and occupancy, except as hereafter provided.

# PART IV. MANUFACTURED FACTORY-BUILT HOME PROPERTY ACT

§1149.1. Short title

This Part shall be known and may be cited as the "Manufactured Factory-Built Home Property Act."

§1149.2. Definitions

In this <u>Chapter Part</u>, the following <u>words and phrases terms</u> shall have the <u>meaning ascribed to them <u>following meanings</u> unless the <u>content or subject matter</u> <u>context</u> clearly indicates otherwise:</u>

- (1) "Person" means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership or association.
  - (2) "Manufactured home" means a mobile home or residential mobile home.
- (3) "Mobile home" means a factory assembled structure or structures transportable in one or more sections, with or without a permanent foundation, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein.
- (4) "Manufacturer" means any person regularly engaged in the business of assembling manufactured homes, either within or without this state.
- (5) "Dealer" means any person engaged in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging manufactured homes which are subject to license under Chapter 4 of the Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
- (6) "Commissioner" means the director of public safety or his duly assigned assistants, as provided for in R.S. 40:1301, who, in addition to all other powers, shall have all powers granted and perform such duties as are imposed on the commissioner

1	by this Chapter.
2	(7) "Vehicle" means mobile homes and residential mobile homes.
3	(8) "Mortgage" shall include any rights under a retail installment contract, a
4	chattel mortgage, a security agreement under Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial
5	Laws (R.S. 10:9-101, et seq.), and mortgages upon immovable property.
6	(9) "Certificate of title" means a vehicle certificate of title as provided for in
7	R.S. 32:701.
8	(10) "Residential mobile home" means a manufactured home designed to be
9	used as a dwelling, and may include a mobile home or a residential mobile home that
10	has been declared to be a part of the realty as provided in R.S. 9:1149.4.
11	(11) "Retail installment contract" means an agreement entered into pursuant
12	to Chapter 10 of Title 6 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
13	(12) "Manufacturer's certificate of origin" means a certificate on a form to be
14	prescribed by the commissioner, and furnished by the manufacturer, showing the
15	original transfer of a new vehicle from the manufacturer to the original purchaser,
16	and each subsequent transfer between distributor and dealer, dealer and dealer, and
17	dealer to owner, through and including the transfer to the title applicant.
18	(1) "Certificate of title" means a vehicle certificate of title as provided
19	for in R.S. 32:701 et seq.
20	(2) "Commissioner" means the director of public safety or any duly
21	assigned assistants, as provided for in R.S. 40:1301 et seq., who, in addition to
22	all other powers, shall have all powers granted and perform the duties imposed
23	on the commissioner by this Part.
24	(3) "Dealer" means any person engaged in the business of buying, selling,
25	or exchanging factory-built homes that are subject to license in accordance with
26	Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
27	(4) "Factory-built home" means a manufactured home, mobile home, or
28	modular home as defined in this Part.
29	(5) "Manufactured home" means a residential dwelling unit that is
30	factory-built and is constructed to standards and codes as promulgated by the

1	<u>United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, under</u>
2	the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of
3	1974, 42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq., as amended, and that bears the permanently
4	affixed seal of the United States Department of Housing and Urban
5	Development.
6	(6) "Manufacturer" means any person regularly engaged in the business
7	of building or constructing factory-built homes, whether in or outside of this
8	state.
9	(7) "Manufacturer's certificate of origin" means a certificate on a form
10	to be prescribed by the commissioner, and furnished by the manufacturer,
11	showing the original transfer of a factory-built home from the manufacturer to
12	the original purchaser, and each subsequent transfer through and including the
13	transfer to the title applicant.
14	(8) "Mobile home" means a residential dwelling unit that is factory-built
15	and is constructed to voluntary standards or constructed prior to the passage
16	of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act
17	<u>of 1974.</u>
18	(9) "Modular home" means a residential dwelling unit that is
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20	as adopted by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.
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22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	<ul> <li>(a) This Section does not change the law but clarifies that the Factory-Built Home Property Act applies to all forms of factory-built homes, while aligning the definitions of factory-built homes with the Uniform Standards Code for Manufactured and Modular Housing, R.S. 51:911.21 et seq. <ul> <li>(b) The terms "manufactured home", "mobile home", and "modular home" refer to any home that is built in a factory even if the factory-built components of that home will be assembled on the land where the factory-built home will be located.</li> <li>(c) A factory-built addition, such as an individual room, incorporated into a building may be a component part of that building pursuant to Civil Code Article 466.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
33	§1149.3. Classification
34	Except as otherwise provided in R.S. 9:1149.4, when any manufactured home
35	shall be moved to and located in or upon any immovable property, or installed

therein or thereon in a manner which, under any law, might make the manufactured home an immovable or component part thereof, the manufactured home shall be and will remain a movable subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 governing its mortgage or sale and subject to the provisions of Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and Chapter 10 of Title 6 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and Code Book III, Code Title XII, Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 governing its financing. Title to the vehicle shall not pass by the sale of the immovable property to which it has been actually or fictitiously attached, whether such sale be conventional or judicial. No sale or mortgage of or lien upon the immovable property shall in any manner affect or impair the rank or privilege of a chattel mortgage or security interest under Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws on such manufactured home, or the remedies of the holder thereof for its enforcement.

Except as otherwise provided in R.S. 9:1149.6, when any factory-built home is moved to and located upon immovable property, the factory-built home shall remain movable.

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- (a) This provision does not change the law. Before the passage of the Manufactured Home Property Act in 1982, a factory-built home was considered a building under general provisions in the Civil Code and accordingly was classified as immovable. See Civil Code Articles 463 and 464; Ellis v. Dillon, 345 So. 2d 1241, 1243 (La. App. 1 Cir. 1977). The Manufactured Home Property Act altered the default classification of manufactured homes to movable. This provision retains the classification of manufactured homes as movables and clarifies that all factory-built homes, including modular homes and mobile homes, are classified as movables.
- (b) This provision maintains the classification of a factory-built home placed on land or another foundational structure, such as a concrete slab, as a movable. Nevertheless, this provision does not alter the classification provided in the Civil Code for factory-built components incorporated into an existing building. Such components may be component parts of that building pursuant to Civil Code Article 466.
- (c) As a movable, a factory-built home is subject to all provisions of law relating to movable property, such as provisions pertaining to sales, security interests, and taxes. Accordingly, ownership of the factory-built home does not automatically transfer by the sale of the immovable on which the factory-built home is located. Similarly, a sale or mortgage of the immovable on which the factory-built home is located does not affect any security interest attached to the factory-built home.

## §1149.4. Presumption of grant of interest

## It shall be presumed that any transfer of an immovable on which a

nonimmobilized factory-built home is located includes all of the transferor's interest in the factory-built home, subject to the rights of third persons in the factory-built home.

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- (a) This provision is new. It is modeled after R.S. 9:2971 and 2981, which provide that the transfer of land presumptively includes any interest the transferor has in any water bodies or roads contiguous to the land. The presumption in this Section, like the presumptions in those statutes, applies only to the transferor's interest in the factory-built home.
- (b) The presumption in this provision applies subject to the rights of third persons in the factory-built home. See Civil Code Article 3343, defining third persons. When a third person, such as a lender, has an interest in a factory-built home, and the land on which the factory-built home is transferred, the presumption that the transferor's interest in the factory-built home has also been transferred applies, but any rights the transferee acquires in that factory-built home remain subject to the rights of the third person.
- (c) The law of acquisitive prescription of movables applies to factory-built homes, given their classification as movables. See Civil Code Articles 3489, 3490, and 3491. The presumption provided in this Section does not alter the classification of the factory-built home as movable.
- (d) The presumption provided in this Section applies only to nonimmobilized homes. Immobilized homes that have become component parts of an immovable transfer with the immovable pursuant to general provisions of the Civil Code. For that reason, no presumption of transfer is required. See Civil Code Articles 469 and 493.1.

## §1149.5. Security devices interests

A. Every retail installment contract, chattel mortgage, or security agreement entered into for the purchase or the refinance of a manufactured home or its contents, or both, shall be effective as against third persons and shall take its rank and priority as provided in Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws, R.S. 10:9-101 et seq. A retail installment contract, chattel mortgage, security agreement or a financing statement in the form approved by the commissioner is filed when received provided the receipt is subsequently validated by the office of the commissioner. A security interest in a factory-built home shall be effective as to third persons and shall take its rank and priority as provided in Uniform Commercial Code - Secured Transactions, R.S. 10:9-101 et seq.

B. Validation of the receipt of the retail installment contract or chattel mortgage, security agreement or financing statement by the commissioner shall affect third persons wherever the manufactured home or the contents thereof are located.

## §1149.4.§1149.6. Immobilization; declaration

A. A manufactured home placed upon a lot or tract of land shall be an immovable when there is recorded in the appropriate conveyance or mortgage records of the parish where the said lot or tract of land is situated an authentic act or a validly executed and acknowledged sale or mortgage or sale with mortgage which contains a description of the manufactured home as described in the certificate of title or manufacturer's certificate of origin and a description of the lot or tract of land upon which the manufactured home is placed, and contains a declaration by the owner of the manufactured home and, when applicable, the holder of a mortgage or security interest under Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws on the manufactured home, that it shall remain permanently attached to the lot or tract of land described in the instrument. A factory-built home shall be immovable when there is a declaration by the owner of the factory-built home filed for registry in the conveyance records of the parish in which the immovable to which the factory-built home is attached is located.

# B. The declaration shall contain all of the following:

- (1) A description of the factory-built home as described in the certificate of title or manufacturer's certificate of origin and a description of the immovable upon which the factory-built home is located, including the name of a record owner of the immovable.
- (2) A declaration that the factory-built home shall remain permanently attached to the immovable.
- (3) The concurrence of the holder of any perfected security interest in the factory-built home.

C. Upon recordation of the act described above the filing of the declaration, the manufactured factory-built home shall cease to be subject to the application of Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and the taxes applicable to movables and shall thereafter be subject to all laws concerning immovable property; however, nothing herein. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to affect the rights of the holder of a validly recorded chattel mortgage or

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previously perfected security interest under Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial

2	Laws duly noted on the certificate of title in the factory-built home. A previously
3	perfected security interest in the factory-built home at the time of
4	immobilization has the same priority over existing and subsequent mortgages
5	and other encumbrances on the immovable as would a properly and timely
6	perfected purchase-money security interest in fixtures.
7	C.(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no action to collect a tax
8	applicable to movables which is purported to be due or became due on any purchase
9	made on or after September 1, 2005, through December 31, 2006, of any
10	manufactured home used solely as residential housing in the following parishes
11	which have been severely impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita shall be initiated
12	or continued, if the basis of such action is the date upon which the declaration of
13	immovability provided for in Subsection A of this Section is recorded in the
14	conveyance or mortgage records:
15	(a) The parishes of St. Helena and Cameron.
16	(b) The parish of West Feliciana.
17	(c) The parish of St. James.
18	(d) The parishes of East Feliciana, Point Coupee, and West Baton Rouge.
19	(e) The parishes of Allen, Assumption, and Sabine.
20	(f) The parish of Plaquemines.
21	(g) The parishes of Beauregard, Evangeline, Iberville, and Jefferson Davis.
22	(h) The parishes of Acadia, Ascension, Iberia, Lafourche, Livingston, St.
23	Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary,
24	Vermilion, Vernon, and Washington.
25	(i) The parishes of Tangipahoa and Terrebonne.
26	(j) The parishes of Calcasieu, Lafayette, and St. Tammany.
27	(k) The parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Orleans.
28	(2) With respect to actions to collect a tax applicable to movables which is
29	purported to be due or became due on those manufactured homes specified in
30	Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, if the basis of such action is the date upon which

the declaration of immovability was filed, then the date of immobilization shall relate back to the twentieth day of the month following the month of the delivery of the manufactured home.

(3) The purchaser of a manufactured home who formerly lived at a physical address on or after September 1, 2004, within one of the parishes as provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, who bought a manufactured home on or after September 1, 2005, through December 31, 2006, for use solely as residential housing, shall also be eligible for the relief provided for in this Subsection if the purchaser submits an Affidavit of Displacement to the Department of Revenue attesting that the purchaser resided in one of the parishes as provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection on or after September 1, 2004.

D.(1) Upon recordation of the act of immobilization the filing of the declaration provided by this Section, the owner of the manufactured factory-built home or his agent shall file with the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections a certified copy of the act declaration. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall create an Internet internet accessible searchable database providing a public record of each such filing, indicating the name of the owner of the manufactured factory-built home, the date of recording of the act of immobilization filing of the declaration in accordance with Subsection A of this Section, the parish where the act declaration is recorded filed, the year of manufacture, the name of the manufacturer, the dimensions and the vehicle identification number or numbers of the manufactured factory-built home, and the date of the secretary's filing of a copy of the act declaration of immobilization.

(2)E. The secretary shall return to the owner or his agent an acknowledgment that the act declaration has been received and the public record has been created. This acknowledgment shall contain information sufficient to allow the location of the public record to be ascertained. For creating this public record, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is authorized to charge and collect the fee provided in R.S. 32:412.1(A)(3)(y) 32:412.1(A)(25). The failure of the owner or his agent to file a certified copy of the declaration of immobilization as provided

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in this Subsection **D** of this Section shall not impair the validity or enforceability of the act of immobilization declaration as provided by this Section.

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- (a) This provision changes the law in that it does not require a declaration of immobilization to be in the form of an authentic act. In requiring that the owner file a declaration of immobilization for the factory-built home in the conveyance records, this provision follows general provisions on immobilization. See Civil Code Article 467.
- (b) This provision changes the law in that it requires the declaration of immobilization to be filed in the conveyance records, rather than either the conveyance records or the mortgage records. A declaration filed only in the mortgage records would be ineffective to immobilize the factory-built home.
- (c) This provision maintains current law by providing that if a secured party has a perfected security interest in a factory-built home at the time a declaration of immobilization is filed, the secured party does not lose its security interest in the factory-built home upon immobilization. The secured party must concur in the immobilization, but the secured party's security interest in the factory-built home remains intact after the immobilization. The provision states the priority that the secured party has against those holding mortgages and other security rights in the immovable by analogizing to the priority established in R.S. 10:9-334(d) and (e) for properly and timely perfected purchase-money security interests in fixtures.

## §1149.6.§1149.7. Deimmobilization; declaration; detachment or removal

A. The owner may deimmobilize a manufactured home by detachment or removal. However, to affect third persons, an authentic act or sale or mortgage or sale with mortgage containing a description of the manufactured home as described in the previous certificate of title or manufacturer's certificate of origin, a description of the lot or tract of land upon which the manufactured home has been placed, a statement of intent by the owner that he no longer intends the manufactured home to be an immovable and a description of the document by which the manufactured home was immobilized, including the recording information, must be filed in the appropriate conveyance or mortgage records of the parish where the said lot or tract of land is situated. The owner of the immovable upon which a factory-built home is immobilized may deimmobilize the factory-built home by filing a declaration of deimmobilization in the conveyance records of the parish in which the immovable is located.

- B. The declaration shall contain all of the following:
- (1) A description of the factory-built home as described in the previous certificate of title or manufacturer's certificate of origin.

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1	(2) A description of the immovable upon which the factory-built home
2	has been located.
3	(3) A statement that the owner no longer desires for the factory-built
4	home to be immovable.
5	(4) A description of the declaration of immobilization, including the
6	recording information.
7	(5) The concurrence of the holder of any perfected security interest,
8	recorded mortgages, or other real security encumbering the factory-built home.
9	<u>C.</u> Thereafter the <u>The</u> owner may apply to the commissioner for a certificate
10	of title according to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised
11	Statutes of 1950. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of title upon the
12	furnishing of all of the following:
13	(a) a (1) A certificate of mortgages;
14	(b) a (2) A certified copy of the act declaration of deimmobilization as
15	provided in R.S. 9:1149.6(A); and Subsections A and B of this Section.
16	(c) a (3) A release or cancellation of all mortgages previously secured by
17	encumbering the manufactured home and/or factory-built home or the immovable
18	property upon which the manufactured factory-built home was located.
19	$C.\underline{D.}$ Upon the issuance of a certificate of title by the commissioner, the
20	manufactured factory-built home shall be deemed a movable, and shall be subject
21	to all laws concerning movable property.
22	E. In the absence of rights of a third person in the factory-built home, the
23	owner of an immovable upon which a factory-built home is located may
24	deimmobilize the factory-built home by detachment or removal.
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26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34	(a) Subsection E of this provision clarifies that deimmobilization by detachment or removal can occur only in the absence of the rights of third persons. It is modeled after the general rules on deimmobilization. See Civil Code Article 468. While deimmobilization by detachment or removal alone is allowed in the absence of any third-party rights in the immobilized factory-built home, for clarity of title, the owner of an immobilized factory-built home who deimmobilizes it through detachment or removal would be wise also to file a declaration of deimmobilization.  (b) If a third person has a security interest, mortgage, or other real security

encumbering the immobilized factory-built home, the owner of the immovable on which the factory-built home is located must file a declaration of deimmobilization that includes the concurrence of the third person in order to deimmobilize the factory-built home.

## §1149.7. Reference to prior law

The provisions of this Part shall replace the provisions of R.S. 32:710(N) and whenever any reference is made in any law to R.S. 32:710(N), said law or laws shall be deemed to refer to the provisions of this Part.

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§3259.1. Unpaid rent; mobile homes or manufactured housing <u>factory-built homes</u>; notification by lessor

A. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "Lessor" shall mean the owner of the unsubdivided immovable property on which three or more lots are available for rent for locating a mobile home or manufactured housing. "Factory-built home" shall have the meaning given to that term in R.S. 9:1149.2.
- (2) "Lessee" shall mean means the person leasing the immovable property on which a mobile home or manufactured housing factory-built home is located.
- (3) "Mobile home" and "manufactured housing" means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width or forty body feet or more in length or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet and which, is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities and includes the plumbing, heating, and air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein; except that such term shall include any structure which meets all the requirements of this Paragraph except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the fire marshal and complies with the standards established by this Part. The terms "mobile home" and "manufactured housing" shall include a manufactured home, a modular home, and a residential mobile home that is no

the owner of the unsubdivided immovable property on which three or more lots are available for rent for locating a factory-built home.

- (4) "Mortgagor" shall mean means the person executing the security device as the obligor or the transferee if the mobile home or manufactured housing factory-built home has been transferred and the obligations under the security device have been assumed by another person with written consent of the holder of the security device.
- (5) "Secured party" shall mean means the holder of a security interest under Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws (R.S. 10:9-101, et seq.) in accordance with Uniform Commercial Code Secured Transactions, R.S. 10:9-101 et seq., or a chattel mortgage, the pledgee or assignee of a chattel mortgage or security agreement, or the agent of the holder, assignee, or pledgee of a chattel mortgage or security agreement, or the holder of a promissory note executed for the sale of a factory-built home if that note is sold with recourse against the holder of the note, or the vendor of a retail installment contract as defined in R.S. 6:951 6:969.6 when such the retail installment contract is sold with recourse against the vendor.
- (6) "Security device" means a security interest under Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws (R.S. 10:9-101, et seq.) pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code Secured Transactions, R.S. 10:9-101 et seq., a chattel mortgage, or a promissory note executed for the sale of a mobile home or for manufactured housing factory-built home or a retail installment contract entered into pursuant to Chapter 10-B of Title 6 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 for the sale of a mobile home or for manufactured housing factory-built home.
- B. When the rental payments for immovable property on which a mobile home or manufactured housing factory-built home is located are sixty days past the due date for the payment, the lessor shall notify the secured parties and the mortgagor, if the mortgagor is not the lessee or occupant of the mobile home or manufactured housing factory-built home, in writing by mail that the rental payments are sixty days past the due date. The notice shall include the following

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1	information if known or readily available to the lessor or if available from the office
2	of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections:
3	(1) The lessor's name.
4	(2) The lessee's name.
5	(3) The mortgagor's name.
6	(4) The location of the mobile home or manufactured housing factory-built
7	<u>home</u> .
8	(5) The number of days that the rental payments are overdue, the monthly
9	rental payment, and the total amount past due.
10	(6) The vehicle identification number of the mobile home or manufactured
11	housing factory-built home.
12	(7) A description of the mobile home or manufactured housing factory-built
13	<b>home</b> including the make, model, year, dimensions, and any identification numbers
14	or marks.
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16	E. The lessor shall be entitled to collect a fee of twenty-five dollars from the
17	secured parties in addition to all rental or storage payments due at the time the
18	mobile home or manufactured housing factory-built home is repossessed when such
19	notification is made and the secured party subsequently obtains possession of the
20	mobile home or manufactured housing factory-built home.
21	F. The office of motor vehicles in the Department of Public Safety and
22	Corrections shall maintain a record of all mobile homes and manufactured housing
23	each factory-built home for which a vehicle certificate of title has been issued
24	pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and
25	which is subject to a security device for a period of ten years or for the period stated
26	for the termination of the security device. The record shall include, if available:
27	(1) The name and address of the mortgagor or vendee of the mobile home or
28	manufactured housing factory-built home.
29	(2) The names and addresses of the primary secured party and any secondary
30	secured party on any security device.

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1	(3) The vehicle identification number of the mobile home or manufactured
2	housing factory-built home.
3	(4) A description of the mobile home or manufactured housing factory-built
4	<b><u>home</u></b> including the make, model, year, dimensions, and any identification numbers.
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6	§3259.3. Privilege for unpaid lease payments; abandoned manufactured
7	factory-built homes and abandoned movable property; enforcement
8	of privilege by owner of immovable property; definitions
9	A. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following
10	meanings:
11	(1) "Abandoned manufactured factory-built home" means a manufactured
12	factory-built home that has a current fair market value not exceeding five thousand
13	dollars that is not encumbered by a mortgage, lien, privilege, or security interest, that
14	is placed upon immovable property of another subject to a lease agreement, when the
15	lessee has notified the owner of the immovable property that the lessee no longer
16	intends to remain in the manufactured factory-built home and intends to abandon
17	the remaining movable property, or when a reasonable person would conclude from
18	all appearances that the lessee no longer intends to occupy the manufactured
19	<u>factory-built</u> home or claim ownership to any of the remaining movable property.
20	(2) "Abandoned movable property" means contents, personal items, or other
21	movable property as defined by Civil Code Article 475 of the lessee left in the
22	abandoned manufactured factory-built home.
23	(3) "Manufactured home" means a mobile home or residential mobile home
24	as defined by "Factory-built home" shall have the meaning given to that term
25	<u>in</u> R.S. 9:1149.2.
26	B.(1) The owner of immovable property to secure the payment of rent and
27	other obligations arising under the lease shall have a privilege on any abandoned
28	manufactured factory-built home that is not encumbered by a mortgage, lien,
29	privilege, or security interest, and on any abandoned movable property that is placed
30	upon the immovable property pursuant to a lease agreement.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the provisions of this
Section shall not apply to any manufactured factory-built home or abandoned
manufactured factory-built home that is encumbered by a mortgage, lien, privilege,
or security interest.

C. In the event of default by the lessee and abandonment of the manufactured factory-built home and after compliance with the provisions of R.S. 9:3259.1, if applicable, the owner of the immovable property may enforce judicially all of his rights under the lease agreement, and to enforce his the privilege for the debt due him, as follows:

- (1) The owner of the immovable property shall be authorized to remove any lock on the abandoned manufactured factory-built home located on the immovable property in order to compile a brief and general description of the abandoned manufactured factory-built home and abandoned movable property, including the serial number and vehicle identification number of the manufactured factory-built home, if available, upon which a privilege is claimed and shall be entitled to place his own lock upon such manufactured the factory-built home until his the privilege is satisfied.
- (2) The lessee shall be notified of the owner's intention to enforce his the privilege.
- (3) The notice shall be delivered in person to the lessee or sent by certified mail to the last known address of the lessee.
  - (4) The notice shall include:
- (a) A copy of any written lease agreement between the owner and defaulting lessee, or, if the lease agreement is verbal, a summary of its terms and conditions.
- (b) An itemized statement of the owner's claim, showing the sum due at the time of the notice and the date when the sum became due.
- (c) The name of the owner of the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home, if known, and a brief and general description of the abandoned <u>manufactured</u> <u>factory-built</u> home and abandoned movable property, including the serial and vehicle identification numbers of the abandoned <u>manufactured</u> <u>factory-built</u> home,

if known, upon which a privilege is claimed. The description shall be reasonably adequate to permit the person notified to identify it, except that any container, including but not limited to a trunk, valise, or box that is locked, fastened, sealed, or tied in a manner which that deters immediate access to its contents, may be described as such without describing its contents.

- (d) Notification that the lessee has been or shall be denied access to the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home and abandoned movable property, if <u>such</u> denial is permitted under the terms of the lease agreement, with the name, street address, and telephone number of the owner or his designated agent whom the lessee may contact to respond to the notice.
- (e) A demand for payment within a specified time not less than fifteen days after the date of mailing or delivery of the notice.
- (f) A statement that the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home, its contents, and any other abandoned movable property on the immovable property are subject to the owner's privilege, and that, unless the claim is paid within the time stated in the notice, the abandoned <u>manufactured factory-built</u> home and abandoned movable property are to be advertised for sale or other disposition and to be sold or otherwise disposed of to satisfy the owner's privilege for lease payments due and other charges at a specified time and place.
- (5) Actual receipt of the notice made pursuant to this Section shall not be required. Within fourteen days after mailing of the notice, an advertisement of the sale or other disposition of movable property subject to the privilege shall be published on at least one occasion in a newspaper of general circulation where the abandoned manufactured factory-built home is located. The advertisement shall include:
- (a) The name of the owner of the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home, if known, and a brief and general description of the abandoned <u>manufactured</u> <u>factory-built</u> home and abandoned movable property, including the serial and vehicle identification numbers of the abandoned <u>manufactured</u> <u>factory-built</u> home, if known, reasonably adequate to permit its identification as provided by

Subparagraph (4)(c) of this Subsection.

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(b) The address of the immovable property upon which the abandoned manufactured factory-built home is located and the name of the lessee.

- (c) The time, place, and manner of the sale or other disposition.
- (6) The sale or other disposition of the abandoned manufactured factory-built home and abandoned movable property shall take place not sooner than thirty days following publication as required by this Section.
- D.(1) Upon completion of the procedures required by Subsection C of this Section, the owner of the immovable property may file suit for possession or ownership of the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home and abandoned movable property pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Article 4912.
- (2) The owner of the immovable property shall attach to the petition evidence of the lease agreement, copies of the notice and advertisement required by Subsection C of this Section, and evidence that the abandoned manufactured factory-built home is valued at less than five thousand dollars. If the serial or vehicle identification numbers are not known, the owner of the immovable property shall provide certification of a physical inspection of the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home for the purpose of vehicle identification number verification by a law enforcement officer trained and certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to inspect motor vehicles as provided in Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The certification shall certify that the serial or vehicle identification numbers are not known. The owner of the immovable property shall certify in his the petition, or attach an affidavit of the owner of the immovable property attesting, that there is no mortgage, lien, privilege, or security interest encumbering the abandoned manufactured factory-built home based on a search of the parish mortgage records and records of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles.
- (3) Upon finding that the owner of the immovable property has satisfied the requirements of this Section, the court shall authorize the sale of the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home and abandoned movable property by the

E.(1) Upon obtaining approval from the court, the owner of the immovable property may proceed to sell the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home and abandoned movable property. Any sale or other disposition of the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home and abandoned movable property shall conform to the terms of the notification as provided by this Section.

- (2) Any sale or other disposition of the abandoned manufactured factory-built home and abandoned movable property shall be held at the address of the immovable property where the abandoned manufactured factory-built home is located, as indicated in the notice required by this Section. The owner shall sell the abandoned manufactured factory-built home and abandoned movable property to the highest bidder, if any. If there are no bidders, the owner may purchase the movable property for a price at least sufficient to satisfy his the claim for lease payments due and all other charges; or he may donate the abandoned manufactured factory-built home and abandoned movable property to charity.
- (3) Prior to any sale or other disposition of the abandoned manufactured factory-built home or abandoned movable property to enforce the privilege granted by this Section, the lessee may pay the amount necessary to satisfy the privilege, including all reasonable expenses incurred under in accordance with this Section, and thereby redeem the movable property. Upon receipt of such payment, the owner shall have no liability to any person with respect to such the movable property.
- (4) A purchaser in good faith of the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home or abandoned movable property sold by an owner to enforce the privilege granted by this Section takes the property free of any claims or rights of persons against whom the privilege was valid, despite noncompliance by the owner with the requirements of this Section, but takes subject to any mortgages, liens, privileges, and security interests that encumber the abandoned <u>manufactured factory-built</u> home at the time of the sale.
- (5) In the event of a sale held pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the owner may satisfy his the privilege from the proceeds of the sale, but shall hold the

balance, if any, as a credit in the name of the lessee whose property was sold. The lessee may claim the balance of the proceeds within two years of the date of sale, without any interest thereon, and if unclaimed within the two-year period, the credit shall become the property of the owner, without further recourse by the lessee. If the sale or other disposition of the abandoned manufactured factory-built home and abandoned movable property made pursuant to the provisions of this Section does not satisfy the owner's claim for lease payments due and other charges, the owner may proceed by ordinary proceedings to collect the balance owed.

(6) After conclusion of the sale, the act of sale of the abandoned manufactured <u>factory-built</u> home may be filed with the court, and a judgment recognizing the sale shall be rendered by the court and recognized by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Article 4912.

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## §5363.1. Abandoned mobile factory-built homes; secured parties

### A. Definitions

(1) "Mobile home" means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is eight body feet or more in width and is thirty-two body feet or more in length, designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. The term "mobile home" shall include a modular home, a mobile home, and a residential mobile home that is no longer declared to be part of the realty pursuant to R.S. 9:1149.6.

(2) "Abandoned" or "abandonment" shall mean means that the secured party has been notified by the mortgagor or by the owner of the immovable property on which the mobile factory-built home is located that the mortgagor no longer intends to remain in the mobile factory-built home, or when a reasonable person would conclude that the mobile factory-built home is no longer being occupied and from all appearances substantially all of the mortgagor's personal belongings have been removed from the mobile factory-built home.

# (2) "Factory-built home" shall have the meaning given to that term in

## R.S. 9:1149.2.

(3) "Mortgagor" shall mean means the person executing the chattel mortgage or security agreement under Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws (R.S. 10:9-101 et seq.) in accordance with Uniform Commercial Code - Secured Transactions, R.S. 10:9-101 et seq., or, if the mobile factory-built home has been transferred and the chattel mortgage or security interest under Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws in accordance with Uniform Commercial Code - Secured Transactions has been assumed by a new purchaser with written consent of the holder of the chattel mortgage or security agreement, the transferee.

- (4) "Secured party" shall mean means the holder of the chattel mortgage or security interest under Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws in accordance with Uniform Commercial Code Secured Transactions, the pledgee or assignee of the chattel mortgage or security interest, or the agent of the holder, assignee, or pledgee of the chattel mortgage or security interest.
- B.(1) In addition to those remedies provided in R.S. 9:5363 <u>Uniform</u>

  Commercial Code Secured Transactions, the holder of a chattel mortgage enforceable against third parties pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or pursuant to this Part or the secured party under a perfected security interest subject to Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws,

  <u>Uniform Commercial Code Secured Transactions</u> shall have the right to take possession of the mobile <u>factory-built</u> home on default if all of the following criteria are met:
  - (a) The mobile factory-built home has been abandoned.
- (b) The mortgagor has not paid a minimum of two consecutive monthly payments on the date due pursuant to the terms of the chattel mortgage or security agreement.
- (c) A petition has been filed in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking an ex parte order authorizing the secured party to proceed pursuant to this Section. The judge shall sign the order only after the secured party has completed the following:
  - (i) Posted a bond in an amount fixed by the judge, which shall be the amount

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(ii) Executed an affidavit stating that the mobile factory-built home has been abandoned;

- (iii) Presented to the court all documents necessary to prove that the secured party is the holder of the first mortgage on the mobile factory-built home.
- (2) If the above criteria are satisfied, the holder or holder's agent may take possession of the mobile factory-built home only after a ten-day period following the placing of written notice on the front door of the mobile factory-built home by the sheriff, or his designee. The written notice shall contain the name of the debtor, the fact that the secured party shall take possession of the mobile factory-built home in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 9:5363.1 this Section, the citation and docket number of the case wherein a court authorized the secured party to proceed in accordance with this Section, and the name and telephone number of the secured party or his agent. In addition, the secured party shall also advertise once in the official publication or newspaper in the parish in which the mobile factory-built home is located at the time that the secured party takes possession. The advertisement only need only state the names of the debtors, the fact that the secured party shall take possession of the mobile factory-built home, and the name and telephone number of the individual to contact for further information. The sheriff shall be paid a fee of twenty-five dollars for the placing of the written notice as provided by this Paragraph.
- (3) When the mortgagor has notified the secured party in writing that he the mortgagor no longer intends to occupy the mobile factory-built home and has requested that the secured party retake possession thereof, the judge may issue an order waiving the provisions of this Section and may issue an order directing the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to issue a new certificate of title to the secured party or any other person that who purchases the abandoned mobile factory-built home at a private sale. When such an order is granted by the judge, the entire indebtedness shall be cancelled.
  - C. A secured party who has taken possession of a mobile factory-built home

pursuant to Subsection B of this Section shall immediately give notice to the debtor at such the address as specified in the chattel mortgage and at the debtor's last known address, if different, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

- D. The debtor shall have twenty-one calendar days from the date of the secured party's taking possession to reclaim any personal property contained in the mobile factory-built home or to redeem the mobile factory-built home by the paying to the secured party in cash the entire amount of delinquent payments, all interest and late charges due pursuant to the chattel mortgage, all costs of transporting and housing the mobile factory-built home, and all advertisement costs. Nothing herein in this Section shall prevent the secured party from reinstating the promissory note and chattel mortgage or security agreement for a lesser amount at the sole option of the secured party.
- E. After the expiration of the twenty-one calendar days from the date of taking possession provided for in Subsection D of this Section:
- (1) The secured party may sell the mobile factory-built home at public or private sale and apply the proceeds to the indebtedness. If there are mortgages or other security interests superior to that held by the secured party, the proceeds of the sale shall be paid first to those superior security interests; then the remaining balance, if any, shall be applied to the secured creditor's debt. Any funds received which that are in excess of the indebtedness and superior security interests, including principal, interest, costs of repossession, and costs of sale, as each is provided for in the chattel mortgage or note, shall be delivered to the debtor, or if he the debtor cannot be found, shall be deposited with the clerk of court of the parish in which the mobile factory-built home was located prior to the secured party obtaining possession of the mobile factory-built home.
- (2) The secured party shall obtain two appraisals of the mobile <u>factory-built</u> home from two qualified appraisers, and the average of both appraisals shall be the established value of the <u>mobile <u>factory-built</u> home.</u>
- (3) If the amount of the entire indebtedness due pursuant to the chattel mortgage or security agreement which that shall be deemed accelerated at the time

1	of the sale plus the costs of transporting and storing the mobile factory-built home
2	and advertisement costs exceeds the established value of the mobile factory-built
3	home, the secured party shall have the right to bid at any public sale, without paying
4	cash, up to the amount of the total indebtedness, including the costs of transporting
5	and storing the mobile factory-built home and advertisement costs, or sell the
6	mobile factory-built home to itself for the amount of said the indebtedness.
7	(4) A secured party that sells the mobile factory-built home subject to a
8	chattel mortgage entered into prior to the time Chapter 9 of the Louisiana
9	Commercial Laws becomes became effective at either public or private sale shall not
10	have the right to seek a deficiency judgment from any debtor or other person,
11	including any guarantor, liable on the promissory note or chattel mortgage. Provided
12	that nothing herein Nothing in this Section shall be construed to affect any
13	agreement between the mortgagee and the selling dealer.
14	F. A debtor or a third party seeking to recover for damages occasioned by a
15	reclaiming of a mobile factory-built home in violation of this Section shall be
16	entitled to recover from the seizing secured party all costs and expenses incurred in
17	the prosecution of such the action, including reasonable attorney's attorney fees as
18	determined by the court. If such an action for damages is dismissed by the court, the
19	court may grant reasonable attorney's attorney fees to the creditor.
20	G. After the secured party has fulfilled the requirements of this Section and
21	has taken possession of the mobile factory-built home, the court that issued the ex
22	parte order provided for in Subparagraph (B)(1)(c) of this Section shall order the
23	Department of Public Safety and Corrections to issue a new certificate of title to the
24	party that purchases the abandoned mobile factory-built home at the sale provided
25	for by this Section.
26	Section 3. R.S. 10:9-102(a)(53) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
27	§9-102. Definitions and index of definitions
28	(a) Chapter 9 definitions. In this Chapter:
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(53) "Manufactured home" means a manufactured factory-built home as

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1	defined in R.S. 9:1149.1 et seq.
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3	Section 4. R.S. 22:1485 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
4	§1485. Homeowner's insurance; premium discounts
5	A. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following
6	meanings:
7	(1) "Mobile home", "manufactured home", and "manufactured housing"
8	means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling
9	mode, is eight body feet or more in width or forty body feet or more in length or,
10	when erected on site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet and which is built
11	on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a
12	permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities and includes the
13	plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein.
14	"Factory-built home" has the meaning given to that term in R.S. 9:1149.2.
15	(2) "Permanently structured home" means a structure with a permanent
16	foundation that is not considered manufactured or mobile factory-built.
17	(3) "Security system" means a monitored security device that is wired to a
18	local law enforcement or fire department.
19	B. Every insurer authorized to issue a policy of homeowner's insurance in this
20	state who offers a policy premium discount based on the installation or existence of
21	a security system in a permanently structured home shall provide the same or a
22	similar premium discount for policies of homeowner's insurance covering mobile
23	homes, manufactured homes, or manufactured housing factory-built homes.
24	Section 5. R.S. 32:1(introductory paragraph) and (44), 412.1(A)(introductory
25	paragraph) and (25), 702(16), and 707(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
26	follows:
27	§1. Definitions
28	When used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases terms have the
29	following meanings ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly
30	indicates a different meaning otherwise:

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2	(44) "Mobile home" means: (a) a trailer or semitrailer which is designed,
3	constructed and equipped as a dwelling place, living abode, or sleeping place, either
4	permanently or temporarily, and is equipped for use as a conveyance on highways;
5	or, (b) a trailer or semitrailer whose chassis and exterior shell is designed and
6	constructed for use as a mobile home, as defined in (a), but which is used instead
7	permanently or temporarily for the advertising, sales, display, or promotion of
8	merchandise or services, or for any other commercial purpose except the
9	transportation of property for hire or the transportation of property for distribution
10	by a private carrier. "Factory-built home" has the meaning given to that term in
11	<u>R.S. 9:1149.2.</u>
12	* * *
13	§412.1. Handling charges
14	A. Except as provided for in Subsection E of this Section, the office of motor
15	vehicles shall collect, in addition to any fee authorized by law, a handling charge of
16	eight dollars for vehicle titling and registration:
17	* * *
18	(25) Records created by R.S. 9:1149.4(D) 9:1149.6.
19	* * *
20	§702. Definitions
21	As used in this Chapter:
22	* * *
23	(16) "Vehicle" shall include those devices sometimes referred to as mobile
24	factory-built homes as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), whether or not they may be
25	required to be registered or licensed under in accordance with other laws, and
26	except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the provisions of this Chapter shall
27	apply to the sale and mortgaging thereof. Neither the inclusion or exclusion of any
28	property in or from the definition of vehicle for purposes of this Chapter, nor any

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1	of ad valorem property taxation, or for any other taxes presently levied, or for the
2	purposes of insurance classification.
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4	§707. Application for certificates of title; exception; salvage title; antique vehicles;
5	reconstructed title
6	A. Any purchaser of a vehicle, other than a mobile factory-built home, as
7	defined by R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall file an application for a new certificate of title
8	within five days after the delivery of a previously issued certificate of title for such
9	<u>the</u> vehicle, or within five days of the delivery of the vehicle, if a certificate of title
10	has not been previously issued. However, dealers Dealers need not apply for
11	certificates of title for any vehicle acquired for stock purposes, if upon reselling such
12	<u>the</u> vehicle, the dealer complies with the requirements of R.S. 32:705. A purchaser
13	of a mobile factory-built home, as defined by R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall apply for a
14	new certificate of title on or before the twentieth day of the month following the
15	month of delivery of the <u>factory-built</u> home.
16	* * *
17	Section 6. R.S. 33:3081(A)(2), 4562.1(A), and 9053.1(C) are hereby amended and
18	reenacted to read as follows:
19	§3081. Mosquito abatement service charge; Avoyelles Parish; assessment and
20	collection
21	A.
22	* * *
23	(2) For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit and each
24	housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate
25	structure, and a mobile factory-built home, as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be
26	considered a structure. Such The mosquito abatement service charge or rates of
27	service charges shall be equal for all structures, except that residential units shall be
28	charged not less than thirty-five percent of the service charge for commercial units.
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30	§4562.1. Service charge authorized; assessment and collection; St. Mary Parish

A. The governing authority of any recreation district in the parish of St. Mary is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges for each residential or commercial structure for a term not to exceed ten years to be assessed on persons owning each such structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the recreation district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit in a structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home, as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be equal for all structures and shall be framed so as to cover, and shall be used for, the costs of constructing, acquiring, maintaining, operating and/or or improving recreation services and facilities for the recreation district, including property and equipment necessary for such those purposes.

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§9053.1. Creation of parishwide ambulance service district; Bossier Parish

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C. The parish governing authority may establish, with approval of a majority of the electors of the single parishwide ambulance service district voting on the proposition at an election held for such that purpose, user fees to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the single parishwide ambulance service district, subject to the provisions of Subsection D of this Section. For the purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit in a structure and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home, as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The user fees shall be established by the parish governing authority and shall be used for the cost of any and all emergency medical transportation and all emergency services incidental thereto.

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Section 7. R.S. 40:1502.1(A)(2), 1502.2(A), 1502.3(A), 1502.4(A), 1502.5(A), 1502.6(A), 1502.7(A), 1502.8(A), 1502.9(A), 1502.10(A), 1502.11(A), 1502.12(A)(2), 1502.13(A)(2), 1502.15(A), and 1502.16(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1502.1. Service charges authorized; assessment and collection

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(2)(a) For purposes of this Section as it relates to any fire protection district situated wholly within the geographical boundaries of either Rapides, Lincoln, Claiborne, Union, Morehouse, East Carroll, or West Carroll Parish, each residential or commercial; unit in a structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home; as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be equal for all structures of a given class and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection services; however, in Lincoln, Claiborne, Union, Morehouse, East Carroll, and West Carroll parishes, such the service charges or rates of service charges for each class of structure shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection and emergency services.

(b) For purposes of this Section as it relates to any fire protection district situated wholly within the geographical boundaries of either St. Mary, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, or Caddo Parish, Fire Protection District No. 2 of St. Helena Parish, Ward One Fire Protection District No. 1 of Calcasieu Parish, and Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish, each residential, commercial, occupancy, or tenant unit in a structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home, as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be equal for all structures of a given class and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection services; however, in Ward One Fire Protection District No. 1 of Calcasieu Parish, and in Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish, such the service charges or rates of service charges for each class

of structure shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection and emergency services.

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§1502.2. Service charge authorized for Fire Protection District Number Three of Beauregard Parish; assessment and collection

A. The governing authority of Fire Protection District Number Three of Beauregard Parish is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge of fifty dollars for each residential or commercial structure for a term not to exceed ten years to be assessed persons owning each such structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit in a structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home; as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection services.

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§1502.3. Service charge authorized for Richland Parish; assessment and collection

A. The governing authority of any fire protection district situated wholly within the geographical boundaries of Richland Parish is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home; as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be equal for all structures, except that mobile factory-built homes shall be charged no less than fifty percent and no more than eighty percent of the service charge, and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire

protection services. The fire protection district shall provide a receipt to each
property owner paying the service charge. All insurers and all insurance agents shall
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§1502.4. Service charge authorized for Madison Parish, Caldwell Parish, and Franklin Parish

A.(1) The governing authority of any fire protection district situated wholly within the geographical boundaries of Madison Parish, the governing authority of any fire protection district situated wholly within Caldwell Parish, and the governing authority of any fire protection district situated wholly within Franklin Parish are hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home, as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2<del>(3),</del> shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be equal for all structures, except that mobile factory-built homes shall be charged eighty percent of the service charge, and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection services. The fire protection district shall provide a receipt to each property owner paying the service charge.

(2) The requirement in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection that mobile **factory-built** homes be charged eighty percent of the service charge is not applicable to Crowville Fire District #1.

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§1502.5. Service charge authorized for West Carroll Parish; assessment and collection

A. The governing authority of any fire protection district situated wholly within the geographical boundaries of West Carroll Parish is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home, as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be equal for all structures, except that mobile factory-built homes shall be charged no less than fifty percent and no more than eighty percent of the service charge, and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection services. The fire protection district shall provide a receipt to each property owner paying the service charge. All insurers and all insurance agents shall have proof of a current service charge receipt before considering any reduced rates because of fire district protection.

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§1502.6. Service charge authorized for Morehouse Parish; assessment and collection

A. The governing authority of any fire protection district situated wholly within the geographical boundaries of Morehouse Parish is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home; as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be framed by the governing authority of such a the district so as to cover and shall be

used for the costs of any or all fire protection services. The fire protection district
shall provide a receipt to each property owner paying the service charge. All insurers
and all insurance agents shall have proof of a current service charge receipt before
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§1502.7. Service charge authorized for East Carroll Parish; assessment and collection

A. The governing authority of any fire protection district situated wholly within the geographical boundaries of East Carroll Parish is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home, as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be equal for all structures, except that mobile factory-built homes shall be charged no less than fifty percent and no more than eighty percent of the service charge, and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection services. The fire protection district shall provide a receipt to each property owner paying the service charge. All insurers and all insurance agents shall have proof of a current service charge receipt before considering any reduced rates because of fire district protection.

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§1502.8. Service charge authorized for Grant Parish; assessment and collection

A. The governing authority of any fire protection district situated wholly within the geographical boundaries of Grant Parish is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure,

whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit within a structure and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home; as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be equal for all structures, except that mobile factory-built homes shall be charged no less than fifty percent and no more than eighty percent of said the service charge, and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection services. The fire protection district shall provide a receipt to each property owner paying the service charge. All insurers and all insurance agents shall have proof of a current service charge receipt from owners so assessed before considering any reduced rates because of fire district protection.

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§1502.9. Service charge authorized for Red River Parish; assessment and collection

A. The governing authority of any fire protection district situated wholly within the geographical boundaries of Red River Parish is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential unit and a mobile factory-built home; as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure, and each multiple dwelling structure, regardless of the number of separate housing units contained within the structure, shall be considered as one structure and not as separate structures. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be equal for all structures, except that mobile factory-built homes shall be charged no less than fifty percent and no more than eighty percent of the service charge, and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection services. The fire protection district shall provide a receipt to each property owner paying the

service charge. All insurers and all insurance agents shall have proof of a current service charge receipt before considering any reduced rates because of fire district protection.

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§1502.10. Service charge authorized for Fire Protection District No. 1, Fire Protection District No. 3, and Fire Protection District No. 7 of Caddo Parish; assessment and collection

A. The governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 1, the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 3, and the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 7 of Caddo Parish are hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit in a structure and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home; as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be established by the governing authority of such the district and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection, emergency medical transportation, and all emergency services incidental thereto.

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§1502.11. Springhill Fire Protection District No. 11; fire service charge

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing authority of Springhill Fire Protection District No. 11 is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a fire service charge not to exceed four dollars. The person owning or occupying each residential or commercial structure located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the fire protection district who has made a deposit for the water service for the structure shall be assessed the service charge, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this

1	Section. Such The service charge shall be used for the costs of fire protection
2	services. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit within a
3	structure and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be
4	considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home, as defined in R.S.
5	9:1149.2 <del>(3)</del> shall be considered a separate structure.
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7	§1502.12. Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2; assessment and
8	collection
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11	(2) For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit in a
12	structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home,
13	as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure. Such The fire
14	protection tax shall be equal for all structures of a given class and shall be framed so
15	as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection services or
16	emergency services.
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18	§1502.13. Fire protection districts within East Feliciana Parish; assessment and
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22	(2) For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit and each
23	housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate
24	structure, and a mobile factory-built home, as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be
25	considered a structure. Such <u>The</u> fire protection tax shall be equal for all structures,
26	except that mobile factory-built homes shall be taxed as a rate no less than fifty
27	percent and no more then than eighty percent of the general tax rate, and shall be
28	framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection
29	services and emergency services provided by the district, including the acquisition,

maintenance, and operation of equipment and facilities therefor.

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§1502.15. Service charge authorized for fire protection districts in the parish of Caddo; assessment and collection

A. The governing authority of any fire protection district located within the parish of Caddo is hereby authorized to establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit in a structure and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home; as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2; shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be established by the governing authority of such the district and shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs either incurred or for contracting of any or all fire protection, emergency medical transportation, and all emergency services incidental thereto.

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§1502.16. Service charge authorized for DeSoto Parish; assessment and collection

A. In addition to the authority granted pursuant to R.S. 40:1502, the governing authority of DeSoto Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 and DeSoto Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 may establish a service charge or rates of service charges to be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the respective fire protection district, subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. For purposes of this Section, each residential or commercial unit in a structure and each housing unit within a multiple dwelling structure shall be considered a separate structure, and a mobile factory-built home; as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2; shall be considered a structure. Such The service charges or rates of service charges shall be framed so as to cover and shall be used for the costs of any or all fire protection and emergency medical transportation and

1 emergency services incidental thereto.
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3 Section 8. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to alphabetize the
4 definitions provided in R.S. 6:969.6 and 1083 as amended by this Act.

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