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**TO: Manufactured Home Dealers
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SUBJECT: 2000 Legislative Changes Affecting Manufactured Housing Programs

This Information Bulletin summarizes year 2000 legislative changes to the California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2, effective January 1, 2001. Major changes include:

1. An increase in the claim amount under the Manufactured Home Recovery Fund (MHRF).
2. Park trailers may be constructed a maximum 14' wide and the 40' maximum length restriction is removed.

Additionally, section 17292 of the California Education Code has been amended which may impact commercial coach manufacturers and/or dealers providing relocatable school buildings. Summary information is provided herein for informational purposes only, as these structures are regulated exclusively through the Division of the State Architect.

- **Chapter 555 of the 2000 Statutes (AB 2256 – Correa)** amends the California Health and Safety Code provision affecting the MHRF claim amount. The purpose of the MHRF is to enable the Department to provide limited relief to persons defrauded in the purchase of a manufactured home. The change in law amends California Health and Safety Code Section 18070.3 (e) (2) to reflect an increase of a MHRF order limit from \$40,000 to a higher maximum of \$75,000.00 for any claim filed after January 1, 2001, or any final Department order issued after that date.

To obtain relief under the MHRF, a claim must be filed with the Department. Information may be obtained by:

- Telephoning (916) 323-9803 and requesting the claim forms.

- Downloading the claim forms from: www.hcd.ca.gov/codes
 - Mailing in a written request for the claim forms to: HCD, Occupational Licensing Program, PO Box 31, Sacramento, CA 95812-0031.
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- **Chapter 566 of the 2000 Statutes (AB 1912 – Torlakson)** adds to and amends the California Health and Safety Code related to park trailers. These changes add Section 18009.3 and amend Section 18010, and also amend specific sections of the California Vehicle Code administered by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

California Health and Safety Code Section 18009.3 is added to separately define a park trailer, and change the definition to allow a maximum 14-foot width at the maximum horizontal projection and remove the 40-foot maximum length. California Health and Safety Code Section 18010 is amended to direct the reader to the new definition location for “park trailer” now found in Section 18009.3.

- **Chapter 747 of the 2000 Statutes (SB 1469 - Costa)** amends in part the California Education Code relevant to relocatable school buildings and amends the permissible use of these buildings for school purposes. This new change in law amends Section 17292 of the California Education Code and took effect immediately on September 27, 2000, as urgency legislation. The changes described are provided for informational purposes only and do not convey any interpretation of the noted law. The Division of the State Architect administers the requirements of the California Education Code. Please contact the Division of the State Architect at (916) 324-5591 for assistance and information pertaining to this change in law.

This summary of legislative changes is not represented as a complete digest of all legislation effecting persons regulated by the aforementioned laws. The complete text of each bill discussed above may be obtained through the Internet at www.leginfo.ca.gov

Questions regarding the MHRF may be directed to our Occupational Licensing Program Office at (916) 323-9803, and questions regarding park trailers to our Manufactured Housing Program Office at (916) 445-3338.

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