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Substitute Senate Bill No. 948

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The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CIOTTO of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Notwithstanding section
2 14-270 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Transportation shall
3 establish a program for the purpose of issuing permits allowing the
4 following vehicles to be operated upon any highway or bridge: (1) A
5 mobile home with a width greater than fourteen feet but no greater than
6 sixteen feet; (2) a mobile home attached to a towing vehicle which has a
7 combined length of one hundred feet or less if such towing vehicle has a
8 length over eighty feet; or (3) a mobile home attached to a towing vehicle
9 which has a combined length of one hundred four feet if such towing
10 vehicle has a length of eighty feet or less. Such permit shall specify
11 conditions under which such mobile home shall be permitted to operate,
12 including, but not limited to, the period of time such operation shall be
13 authorized. For the purposes of this section, "mobile home" shall have
14 the same meaning as in section 21-64a of the general statutes. The
15 Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations, in accordance

16 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement
17 the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type
Transportation, Dept.	TF - See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in increased costs and/or a diversion of resources to the Department of Transportation as a result of making the pilot program for mobile and/or modular homes permanent effective October 1, 2003.

Originally two staff persons in the Department's oversize/overweight permit unit were assigned to this task but as a result of the early retirement program (ERIP) the responsibilities are to be re-assigned to another individual within the unit.

One staff person will be assigned to perform program duties for two hours a day three times a week. Any additional activities undertaken would increase costs or divert resources from other programs depending upon the level of increased activity.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE HOMES**SUMMARY:**

This bill codifies a Department of Transportation (DOT) program for issuing permits for transporting oversize mobile and modular homes that was required as a pilot program by a 1998 law (SA 98-4). The requirements of the program the bill establishes differ from the limitations of DOT's pilot program.

Under the bill, the DOT permits would allow (1) mobile homes that are wider than 14 but less than 16 feet wide, (2) a mobile home attached to a towing vehicle if their combined length is 100 feet or less. Under DOT's guidelines for the current pilot program, permits may be issued for (1) a manufactured or modular building unit that is more than 14 feet but less than 16 feet wide (same as the bill) and (2) when attached to a towing vehicle, a maximum load length of 80 feet, excluding the hitch, and a maximum overall combined length of unit and load of 104 feet (the requirement specified in SA 98-4).

The mobile homes covered by the bill are defined under another law as "mobile manufactured homes." Under this law, a mobile manufactured home is a detached residential unit (1) with three-dimensional components that are intrinsically mobile with or without a wheeled chassis or (2) unit built on or after June 15, 1976 in accordance with federal manufactured home construction and safety standards. In either case, it must contain sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a tub or shower, kitchen facilities, plumbing and electrical connections for attachment to outside systems, and be designed for long-term occupancy on rigid supports at the site where it is to be used as a residence.

Under the bill, the DOT permits must specify the conditions for operation including, at least, the period of time for conducting the permitted operation. It requires the transportation commissioner to adopt implementing regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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