Legislative Analysis



MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMISSION

House Bill 4666 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Yaroch Committee: Regulatory Reform

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4666 would amend the Mobile Home Commission Act to require the Manufactured Housing Commission to include as a member an individual who is from a consumer advocacy group or a legal aid group. This would enlarge the nine-member commission to 10 members.

The Manufactured Housing Commission is an entity in the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)¹ whose members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The commission is responsible for establishing a uniform policy related to manufactured housing businesses and parks, including seasonal parks. It has the authority to review local ordinances related to manufactured housing and to receive complaints, hold hearings, and conduct investigations to determine compliance with the Mobile Home Commission Act and its rules.

The Manufactured Housing Commission was created in the Department of Commerce in 1987 as the Mobile Home Commission, with 11 members, and that is still the language of the law that the bill would amend. However, the Department of Commerce no longer exists as such due to executive branch reorganization, and both the commission's name² and its membership³ have similarly been changed by executive order. The Manufactured Housing Commission, as it is now called, currently consists of the following nine members:

- An elected official of a local government.
- A representative of organized labor.
- A representative of financial institutions.
- A manufacturer of mobile homes.
- A licensed mobile home dealer.
- A representative of an organization whose membership consists of mobile home residents.
- One resident of a licensed mobile home park.
- Two operators of licensed mobile home parks.

The bill would require that the commission include an additional member, from a consumer advocacy group or a legal aid group, within 30 days after the bill's effective date. The other changes proposed by the bill are editorial in nature or reflect changes already made to the law by executive reorganization orders.

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¹ https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90501 90626-249741--,00.html

² ERO 1997-12: https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-445-2002.pdf

³ ERO 2010-5: https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-125-2291.pdf

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4666 would not have an appreciable fiscal impact on LARA or any other unit of state or local government.

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