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MOBILE HOME COMMISSION: REVISE MEMBERSHIP

House Bill 4148

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Committee: Regulatory Reform

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4148 AS INTRODUCED 2-3-99

The Mobile Home Commission Act established the mobile home commission, which is required, among other things, to promulgate a mobile home code and rules regarding the licensure, density, layout, permits for construction, and construction of seasonal mobile home parks. The size of the commission is set at eleven members and the act restricts who may be a member of the commission. The current membership of the commission must include three operators of licensed mobile home parks (two from parks with 100 or more sites and one from a park with less than 100 sites), a representative of organized labor, an elected local government official, a licensed mobile home dealer, two residents of licensed mobile home parks (one from a park with more than 100 sites and another from a park with less than 100 sites), a mobile home manufacturer, a representative of a mobile home resident organization, and a representative of financial institutions.

House Bill 4148 would amend the Mobile Home Commission Act to change the membership of the commission. The bill would expand the commission from eleven to thirteen members, reduce from three to one the number of licensed mobile home park operators required to be members of the commission, and designate who would be represented by the new members of the commission. Specifically, the four new members (two members that would be added to the commission and the two places on the commission that would previously have been filled by mobile home park operators) would be required to include representatives from an environmental advocacy organization, an organization whose membership consisted of township officials, an organization whose membership consisted of municipal officials, and a housing advocacy organization.

In addition, the bill would provide that a local government zoning ordinance would not be considered to violate the act's prohibition against ordinances that provide for a general exclusion of mobile homes, unless a court had determined it to be a violation. The bill would also change a reference to the "Department of Commerce" to the "Department of Consumer and Industry Services" to comport with recent executive branch reorganization.

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