

## Assembly Bill No. 2050

### CHAPTER 737

An act to amend Section 18031.7 of, and to repeal and add Section 18029.6 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to manufactured housing.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2050, Garcia. Mobilehomes and manufactured homes.

(1) The Mobilehomes-Manufactured Housing Act of 1980 requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to enforce various laws pertaining to the structural, fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing, or electrical systems and installations or equipment of a manufactured home, mobilehome, special purpose commercial coach, or commercial coach. Under existing law, a knowing violation of the act, as specified, is punishable as a misdemeanor offense.

This bill would require all fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances installed in new manufactured homes or new multifamily manufactured homes, or installed as replacement fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances in existing mobilehomes, existing manufactured homes, or existing multifamily manufactured homes that are offered for sale, rent, or lease, would be required to be seismically braced, anchored, or strapped. All new or used mobilehomes, manufactured homes, or multifamily manufactured homes that are sold would be required to have the fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances seismically braced, anchored, or strapped. The Department of Housing and Community Development would be required to promulgate rules and regulations that include standards for water heater seismic bracing, anchoring, or strapping. By creating a new crime or expanding an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Under the act, all used mobilehomes and manufactured homes sold in this state on and after January 1, 1986, are required to be equipped with an operable smoke detector.

This bill instead would require, commencing on or after January 1, 2009, all used manufactured homes, used mobilehomes, and used multifamily manufactured homes that are sold to have a smoke alarm installed in each room designed for sleeping that is operable on the date of transfer of title, as specified.

(3) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 18031.7 of the Health and Safety Code, proposed by AB 2016, to be operative only if AB 2016 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2009, and this bill is chaptered last.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that the Legislature finds there is no mandate contained in the bill that will result in costs incurred by a local agency or school district for a new program or higher level of service which require reimbursement pursuant to these constitutional and statutory provisions.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 18029.6 of the Health and Safety Code is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 18029.6 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

18029.6. (a) (1) On or after January 1, 2009, all used manufactured homes, used mobilehomes, and used multifamily manufactured homes that are sold shall have a smoke alarm installed in each room designed for sleeping that is operable on the date of transfer of title. For manufactured homes and multifamily manufactured homes manufactured on or after September 16, 2002, each smoke alarm shall comply with the federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act. For manufactured homes and multifamily manufactured homes manufactured before September 16, 2002, each smoke alarm shall be installed in accordance with the terms of its listing and installation requirements, and battery-powered smoke alarms shall be acceptable for use when installed in accordance with the terms of their listing and installation requirements.

(2) For manufactured homes and multifamily manufactured homes manufactured before September 16, 2002, the smoke alarm manufacturer's information describing the operation, method and frequency of testing, and proper maintenance of the smoke alarm shall be provided to the purchaser for any smoke alarm installed pursuant to paragraph (1).

(b) On or after January 1, 2009, the requirements of subdivision (a) shall be satisfied if, within 45 days prior to the date of transfer of title, the transferor signs a declaration stating that each smoke alarm in the manufactured home, mobilehome, or multifamily manufactured home is installed pursuant to subdivision (a) and is operable on the date the declaration is signed.

(c) The department may promulgate rules and regulations to clarify or implement this section.

(d) For sales of manufactured homes or mobilehomes installed on real property pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 18551, as to real estate agents licensed pursuant to Division 4 (commencing with Section 10000) of the Business and Professions Code, the real estate licensee liability provisions of subdivisions (e), (f), and (g) of Section 13113.8 shall apply to the disclosures required by this section.

SEC. 3. Section 18031.7 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

18031.7. (a) Nothing in this part shall prohibit the replacement of water heaters in manufactured homes or mobilehomes with fuel-gas-burning water heaters not specifically listed for use in a manufactured home or mobilehome or from having hot water supplied from an approved source within the manufactured home or mobilehome, or in the garage, in accordance with this part or Part 2.1 (commencing with Section 18200).

(b) Replacement fuel-gas-burning water heaters shall be listed for residential use and installed within the specifications of that listing to include tiedown or bracing to prevent overturning.

(c) Replacement fuel-gas-burning water heaters installed in accordance with subdivision (b) shall bear a label permanently affixed in a visible location adjacent to the fuel gas inlet which reads, as applicable:

**WARNING**  
This appliance is approved only for use with natural gas (NG).

OR

**WARNING**  
This appliance is approved only for use with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

Lettering on the label shall be black on a red background and not less than ¼ inch in height except for the word “WARNING” which shall be not less than ½ inch in height.

(d) (1) All fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances in new manufactured homes or new multifamily manufactured homes installed in the state shall be seismically braced, anchored, or strapped pursuant to paragraph (3) and shall be completed before or at the time of installation of the homes.

(2) Any replacement fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances installed in existing mobilehomes, existing manufactured homes, or existing multifamily manufactured homes that are offered for sale, rent, or lease shall be seismically braced, anchored, or strapped pursuant to paragraph (3).

(3) On or before July 1, 2009, the department shall promulgate rules and regulations that include standards for water heater seismic bracing, anchoring, or strapping. These standards shall be substantially in accordance with either the guidelines developed pursuant to Section 19215 or the California Plumbing Code (Part 5 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), and shall be applicable statewide.

(4) The dealer, or manufacturer acting as a dealer, responsible, as part of the purchase contract, for both the sale and installation of any home subject to this subdivision shall ensure all water heaters are seismically

braced, anchored, or strapped in compliance with this subdivision prior to completion of installation.

(5) In the event of a sale of a home, pursuant to either paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 18035 or Section 18035.26, the homeowner or contractor responsible for the installation of the home shall ensure all fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances are seismically braced, anchored, or strapped consistent with the requirements of paragraph (3). This requirement shall be satisfied when the homeowner or responsible contractor both completes that work and signs a declaration stating each fuel-gas-burning water heater is secured as required by this section on the date the declaration is signed.

(e) All used mobilehomes, used manufactured homes, and used multifamily manufactured homes that are sold shall, on or before the date of transfer of title, have the fuel-gas-burning water heater appliance or appliances seismically braced, anchored, or strapped consistent with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (d). This requirement shall be satisfied if, within 45 days prior to the transfer of title, the transferor signs a declaration stating that each water heater appliance in the used mobilehome, used manufactured home, or used multifamily manufactured home is secured pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) on the date the declaration is signed.

(f) For sales of manufactured homes or mobilehomes installed on real property pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 18551, as to real estate agents licensed pursuant to Division 4 (commencing with Section 10000) of the Business and Professions Code, the real estate licensee duty provisions of Section 8897.5 of the Government Code shall apply to this section.

SEC. 3.5. Section 18031.7 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

18031.7. (a) Nothing in this part shall prohibit the replacement of water heaters in manufactured homes or mobilehomes with fuel-gas-burning water heaters not specifically listed for use in a manufactured home or mobilehome or from having hot water supplied from an approved source within the manufactured home or mobilehome, or in the garage, in accordance with this part or Part 2.1 (commencing with Section 18200).

(b) Nothing in this part shall prohibit the replacement of appliances for comfort heating in manufactured homes, mobilehomes, or multifamily manufactured homes with fuel-gas appliances for comfort heating not specifically listed for use in a manufactured home or mobilehome within the manufactured home, mobilehome, or multifamily manufactured home in accordance with this part, Part 2.1 (commencing with Section 18200), or Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 18860).

(c) Replacement fuel-gas-burning water heaters shall be listed for residential use and installed within the specifications of that listing to include tiedown or bracing to prevent overturning.

(d) Replacement fuel-gas-burning water heaters installed in accordance with subdivision (c) shall bear a label permanently affixed in a visible location adjacent to the fuel gas inlet which reads, as applicable:

WARNING

This appliance is approved only for use with natural gas (NG).

OR

WARNING

This appliance is approved only for use with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

Lettering on the label shall be black on a red background and not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in height except for the word “WARNING” which shall be not less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in height.

(e) (1) All fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances in new manufactured homes or new multifamily manufactured homes installed in the state shall be seismically braced, anchored, or strapped pursuant to paragraph (3) and shall be completed before or at the time of installation of the homes.

(2) Any replacement fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances installed in existing mobilehomes, existing manufactured homes, or existing multifamily manufactured homes that are offered for sale, rent, or lease shall be seismically braced, anchored, or strapped pursuant to paragraph (3).

(3) On or before July 1, 2009, the department shall promulgate rules and regulations that include standards for water heater seismic bracing, anchoring, or strapping. These standards shall be substantially in accordance with either the guidelines developed pursuant to Section 19215 or the California Plumbing Code (Part 5 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), and shall be applicable statewide.

(4) The dealer, or manufacturer acting as a dealer, responsible, as part of the purchase contract, for both the sale and installation of any home subject to this subdivision shall ensure all water heaters are seismically braced, anchored, or strapped in compliance with this subdivision prior to completion of installation.

(5) In the event of a sale of a home, pursuant to either paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 18035 or Section 18035.26, the homeowner or contractor responsible for the installation of the home shall ensure all fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances are seismically braced, anchored, or strapped consistent with the requirements of paragraph (3). This requirement shall be satisfied when the homeowner or responsible contractor both completes that work and signs a declaration stating each

fuel-gas-burning water heater is secured as required by this section on the date the declaration is signed.

(f) All used mobilehomes, used manufactured homes, and used multifamily manufactured homes that are sold shall, on or before the date of transfer of title, have the fuel-gas-burning water heater appliance or appliances seismically braced, anchored, or strapped consistent with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (e). This requirement shall be satisfied if, within 45 days prior to the transfer of title, the transferor signs a declaration stating that each water heater appliance in the used mobilehome, used manufactured home, or used multifamily manufactured home is secured pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) on the date the declaration is signed.

(g) For sales of manufactured homes or mobilehomes installed on real property pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 18551, as to real estate agents licensed pursuant to Division 4 (commencing with Section 10000) of the Business and Professions Code, the real estate licensee duty provisions of Section 8897.5 of the Government Code shall apply to this section.

SEC. 4. Section 3.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 18031.7 of the Health and Safety Code proposed by both this bill and AB 2016. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2009, (2) each bill amends Section 18031.7 of the Health and Safety Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 2016, in which case Section 3 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 5. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.