

HB 1827 -- Manufactured Housing

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Currently, every manufactured housing manufacturer or dealer who offers for sale four or more manufactured homes in any consecutive 12-month period must register with the Missouri Public Service Commission. This bill changes the registration requirement to those who offer to sell four or more used homes or one or more new manufactured homes or modular units within that time period. The Manufactured Housing Consumer Recovery Fund is created to pay, subject to appropriations, claims filed by aggrieved consumers who have exhausted all other legal remedies. Manufactured home dealers are required to provide purchasers with a bill of sale or purchase agreement containing the serial number, if available, or the manufacturer name and model number of the unit along with any waivers. Every manufactured home dealer must register and pay a \$200 registration or renewal fee by January 15 of each year with a permanent physical address and telephone number of the place where the files and other records are located for inspection.

The commission may refuse to register an applicant or may suspend or revoke a registration, which will apply to all registrations held by the dealer, if there is a consistent pattern of abuse. The commission, through its general counsel, may seek remedies in a circuit court for violations.