

SENATE FILE 70
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to severe storm shelters in mobile home parks and
2 recreational mobile home parks, providing a penalty for a
3 violation, and specifying applicability.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 103A.3, Code 1995, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 15A. "Mobile home park" means a site,
4 lot, field, or tract of land under common ownership upon which
5 two or more occupied mobile homes, manufactured homes, modular
6 homes, or a combination of the homes are harbored, free of
7 charge or for revenue purposes, and includes any building,
8 structure, tent, vehicle, or enclosure used or intended for
9 use as part of the equipment of the park. "Mobile home park"
10 also includes a recreational mobile home park. "Mobile home
11 park" does not include mobile homes, buildings, tents, or
12 other structures temporarily maintained by an individual,
13 educational institution, or company on its own premises and
14 used exclusively to house its labor or students.

15 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 103A.26 SEVERE STORM SHELTER
16 REQUIRED FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS -- PENALTY -- APPLICABILITY.

17 1. An owner or operator of a mobile home park shall
18 provide one or more severe storm shelters to accommodate the
19 occupants of the mobile home park. The severe storm shelters
20 shall be constructed and maintained at convenient locations
21 throughout the park for use of the occupants of the mobile
22 home park when a severe storm warning is issued for the park
23 area and the expected severity of the storm makes the
24 occupancy of a mobile home unsafe.

25 2. The commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
26 17A which are necessary to provide for the construction and
27 maintenance of severe storm shelters in mobile home parks.

28 3. An owner or operator of a mobile home park shall
29 prohibit the location and occupancy of a mobile home in the
30 mobile home park unless a severe storm shelter is constructed
31 in the mobile home park and available for use by the occupants
32 of the mobile home.

33 4. An owner or operator of a mobile home park who violates
34 subsection 3 is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

35 5. This section applies only to new mobile home parks

1 which are established and begin accepting occupancy on or
2 after the effective date of this Act.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill requires new mobile home parks, including
5 recreational mobile home parks, to provide severe storm
6 shelters for use of the occupants of the mobile home park.
7 The severe storm shelters are to be conveniently located
8 throughout the park and constructed to meet the standards
9 adopted by the state building code commissioner.

10 The owner or operator of a new mobile home park is required
11 to prohibit mobile homes from being placed or occupied in a
12 new mobile home park unless sufficient severe storm shelters
13 are available to accommodate the occupants. A violation is
14 punishable as a serious misdemeanor which may include
15 imprisonment up to one year, a fine of at least \$250 but not
16 more than \$1,500, or both fine and imprisonment.

17 The bill only applies to new mobile home parks which begin
18 operations on or after the effective date of the bill.

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