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SENATE BILL 601*

Short Title: Amend House Mover Laws.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Commerce.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING HOUSEMOVERS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-356 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 20-356. Definitions.**

6 "Person" as used in this Article shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership,
7 association or any other business entity. The word "house" as used in this Article shall
8 mean a dwelling, building, or other structure in excess of ~~14~~15 feet in width; provided
9 that neither mobile homes, nor modular homes or portions thereof, are within this
10 definition when being transported from the manufacturer or from a licensed retail dealer
11 location to the first set-up site. The word "Department" as used in this Article shall
12 mean the North Carolina Department of Transportation."

13 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-358 reads as rewritten:

14 **"§ 20-358. Qualifications to become licensed.**

15 The Department shall issue annual printed licenses to applicants meeting the
16 following conditions:

17 (1) The applicant must be at least 18 years of age; present acceptable
18 evidence of good character and show sufficient housemoving
19 experience on the application form furnished by the Department. Proof
20 of creditable housemoving experience must be furnished at the time of
21 application for those applicants not previously licensed by the
22 Department. Housemoving experience means extensive and
23 responsible training gained by the applicant while engaged actively
24 and directly on a full-time basis in the moving of houses and structures
25 on public roads and highways with at least 24 months experience.
26 Examples of the capacity in which a person may work in gaining
27 experience include the following in building moving operations:

- 28 a. Moving superintendent,
29 b. Moving foreman, and

1 c. General mechanic and helper in the housemoving profession or
2 trade.

3 (2) Repealed by Session Laws 1981, c. 818, s. 3.

4 (3) The applicant must furnish proof that all of the vehicles, excluding
5 "beams and dollies" and "hauling units," to be used in the movement
6 of buildings, structures, or other extraordinary objects wider than 14
7 15 feet have met the requirements of G.S. 20-183.2 pertaining to the
8 equipment inspection of motor vehicles; provided that the "beams and
9 dollies" and "hauling units" are excluded from inspection under
10 G.S. 20-183.2 and, further, are not required to be equipped with
11 brakes.

12 (4) The applicant must exhibit his federal employer's identification
13 number.

14 (5) The applicant must pay an annual license fee of one hundred dollars
15 (\$100.00)."

16 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-359 reads as rewritten:

17 **"§ 20-359. Effective period of license.**

18 A license issued hereunder shall be effective ~~for a period of one year~~ from date of
19 issuance and expire on July 31 of each year and shall be renewable on an annual basis."

20 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-360 reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 20-360. Requirements for permit.**

22 (a) Persons licensed as professional housemovers shall also be required to secure
23 a permit from the Department for every move undertaken on the State Highway System
24 of roads; that permit shall be issued by the Department after determining that the
25 applicant is (i) properly licensed, (ii) furnished special surety bonds as required by the
26 Department, and (iii) complying with such other regulations as required by the
27 Department.

28 (b) It shall be the duty of the applicant to see that the "beams and dollies" and
29 "hauling units" used shall be constructed with proper material in a suitable manner and
30 utilized so as to provide for the safety of the general public and the structure being
31 relocated. Any violation of this duty may result in suspension or revocation of his
32 license by the Department.

33 (c) A license shall not be required for ~~individuals~~ an individual owner of a
34 towing vehicle moving their own buildings from or to property owned individually by
35 those persons; however, a permit will be required for all moves.

36 (d) Licensed housemovers shall furnish front and rear certified escort vehicles on
37 all moves, one or both of which may be a marked police, sheriff or State Highway
38 Patrol vehicle as determined by the issuing agent, or one or two ~~private~~ properly
39 equipped certified escort vehicles ~~equipped with flashing amber lights~~ depending on the
40 number of law-enforcement vehicles escorting the move; escort vehicles shall operate
41 where possible at a distance of 300 feet from the structure being moved; that this
42 interval will be closed in cities and other congested areas to protect other traffic from
43 the swing of the load at corners and ~~turns and~~ turns, and the ~~private~~ certified escort
44 vehicles shall comply with all restrictions as provided on the permit secured for

1 ~~movement of the structure. burn their headlights and be equipped with red flags on each~~
2 ~~side at the front; in addition, the private escort vehicles shall be equipped with a sign~~
3 ~~across the front or rear bumper bearing the legend "Wide Load" or "Oversized Load~~
4 ~~Following" or "Oversized Load Ahead," whichever is appropriate, with black letters at~~
5 ~~least 10 inches high on a yellow background."~~

6 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.