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H 1534. MODULAR HOME SALES/INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS. TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR SELLING AND INSTALLING MODULAR HOMES AND TO ELIMINATE INEQUITIES IN THE TAXATION OF MODULAR HOMES. Current Article 9A of GS Chapter 143 requires a person to be licensed by the NC Manufactured Housing Board before engaging in business as a manufactured home retailer or a set-up contractor. This act enacts new Article 9G of GS Chapter 143 to require that a person doing business in this State furnishing a modular home to the occupant for consideration must be licensed as a general contractor or licensed under Article 9A as a manufactured home retailer. New Article 9G further requires that any other person who undertakes to erect a modular home for compensation must be licensed under Article 9A as a set-up contractor. Also imposes surety bond requirements in addition to those under Article 9A and modifies the conditions of Article 9A bonds for those erecting modular homes. Specifies that buyer complaints against general contractors must be filed with the State Licensing Board for General Contractors and complaints against persons licensed under Article 9A must be filed with the Manufactured Housing Board.

Amends GS 87-2 to increase from nine to ten the membership of the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, adding a modular home builder. Amends GS 105-164.4(a)(8) to provide that any sales or use tax paid to another state by a modular home seller on property incorporated in manufacturing a modular home is credited against the NC sales tax on the retail sale of the modular home. Makes technical and conforming changes to GS 143-139.1(a). Effective January 1, 2006.

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