A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to park model recreational vehicles; creating new provisions; amending ORS 803.036; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 803.036 is amended to read:

803.036. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Mobile home park” has the meaning given that term in ORS 446.003.

(b) “Park model recreational vehicle” means a recreational vehicle, as defined in ORS 174.101, that:

(A) Is designed for use as temporary living quarters;

(B) Is built on a single chassis mounted on wheels;

(C) Has a gross trailer area that does not exceed 400 square feet;

(D) Is more than eight and one-half feet wide;

(E) Complies with any manufacturing standards that the Director of Transportation recognizes as being in widespread use and applicable to park model recreational vehicles; and

(F) Meets any other requirements imposed by the director by rule.

(2) The Department of Transportation, by rule, may provide for optional titling under ORS 803.035 for:

(a) Park model recreational vehicles; and

(b) Vehicles that no longer meet the definition of park model recreational vehicle, but that:

(A) As originally manufactured, met the definition of park model recreational vehicle; and

(B) Were first used as living quarters on or before January 1, 2021.

(3) The department may not issue a registration for a park model recreational vehicle or former park model recreational vehicle.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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(a) Provide a manufacturer certificate or other information the department deems adequate for ensuring that the vehicle was constructed in compliance with manufacturing standards described in subsection (1)(b)(E) of this section; and

(b) Attest that the vehicle:

(A) Is not permanently affixed to land for use as a permanent dwelling; or

(B) Is located within a mobile home park.

(5) Titles issued under subsection (2)(b) of this section are for the purpose of facilitating the documentation of ownership and sales of park model recreational vehicles. In issuing a title, the department does not make any claims about the suitability, fitness, safety, quality or lawfulness of the vehicle's use as living quarters or for transportation and does not assume liability for the vehicle's use for any purpose.

SECTION 2. (1) The amendments to ORS 803.036 by section 1 of this 2021 Act become operative on September 1, 2021.

(2) The Department of Transportation may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the department to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the department by the amendments to ORS 803.036 by section 1 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.