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TITLE 42--THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

CHAPTER 70--MANUFACTURED HOME CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY STANDARDS

Sec. 5401. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

Congress finds that--

- (1) manufactured housing plays a vital role in meeting the housing needs of the Nation; and
- (2) manufactured homes provide a significant resource for affordable homeownership and rental housing accessible to all Americans.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are--

- (1) to protect the quality, durability, safety, and affordability of manufactured homes;
- (2) to facilitate the availability of affordable manufactured homes and to increase homeownership for all Americans;
- (3) to provide for the establishment of practical, uniform, and, to the extent possible, performance-based Federal construction standards for manufactured homes;
- (4) to encourage innovative and cost-effective construction techniques for manufactured homes;
- (5) to protect residents of manufactured homes with respect to personal injuries and the amount of insurance costs and property damages in manufactured housing, consistent with the other purposes of this section;
- (6) to establish a balanced consensus process for the development, revision, and interpretation of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes and related regulations for the enforcement of such standards;
- (7) to ensure uniform and effective enforcement of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes; and
- (8) to ensure that the public interest in, and need for, affordable manufactured housing is duly considered in all determinations relating to the Federal standards and their enforcement.

(Pub. L. 93-383, title VI, Sec. 602, Aug. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 700; Pub. L. 96-399, title III, Sec. 308(c)(4), Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1641; Pub. L. 97-35, title III, Sec. 339B(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 417; Pub. L. 106-569, title VI, Sec. 602, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2997.)