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SENATE BILL 682

Short Title: Housemoving Amendments.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Block.

Referred to: Insurance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND STATUTES REGULATING HOUSEMOVING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-359.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-359.1. Insurance requirements.

(a) No license shall be issued or renewed pursuant to this Article unless the applicant presents to the Department a certificate or certificates of insurance, from an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in this State, providing:

(1) Motor vehicle insurance ~~with minimum coverage of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for bodily injury to or death of one person or more persons in any one accident, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for accident and for injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident;~~ accident with minimum coverage of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000).

(2) Comprehensive general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) combined single limit of ~~liability;~~ liability covering operations on North Carolina streets and highways; and

(3) Workers' compensation insurance that complies with Chapter 97 for all employees if the person licensed as a professional ~~housemover is not exempt from that Chapter.~~ housemover.

1 (b) The certificate or certificates shall provide for continuous coverage during the
2 effective period of the license issued pursuant to this Article.

3 (c) The Department shall be notified by the ~~person licensed as a professional~~
4 ~~housemover~~ insurance company issuing any policy of and 30 days prior to any
5 cancellation or changes made to any provision of the insurance required by subsection
6 (a) of this section.

7 (d) In lieu of the insurance certificate or certificates required by ~~subsection~~
8 subsections (a) or (b) of this section, the applicant may post with the Department a cash
9 bond or other acceptable surety in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the
10 benefit of any person filing a claim for personal injury, death, or property damage
11 arising from the movement of a structure pursuant to this Article.

12 (e) In addition to all coverages required by this section, the applicant shall post
13 with the Department a copy of a bond or other acceptable surety providing coverage in
14 the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the benefit of a person contracting
15 with the housemover to move his structure for all claims for property damage arising
16 from the movement of a structure pursuant to this Article."

17 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-358 reads as rewritten:

18 **"§ 20-358. Qualifications to become licensed.**

19 The Department shall issue annual printed licenses to applicants meeting the
20 following conditions:

21 (1) The applicant must be at least 18 years of age; present acceptable
22 evidence of good character and show sufficient housemoving
23 experience on the application form furnished by the Department.
24 Housemoving experience means extensive and responsible training
25 gained by the applicant while engaged actively and directly on a full-
26 time basis in the moving of houses and structures on public roads and
27 highways with at least 24 months experience. Examples of the capacity
28 in which a person may work in gaining experience include the
29 following in building moving operations:

- 30 a. Moving superintendent,
- 31 b. Moving foreman, and
- 32 c. General mechanic and helper in the housemoving
33 profession or trade.

34 (2) Repealed by Session Laws 1981, c. 818, s. 3, effective August 1, 1981.

35 (3) The applicant must furnish proof that all of the vehicles, excluding
36 'beams and dollies' and 'hauling units,' to be used in the movement of
37 buildings, structures, or other extraordinary objects wider than 14 feet
38 have met the requirements of G.S. 20-183.2 pertaining to the
39 equipment inspection of motor vehicles; provided that the 'beams and
40 dollies' and 'hauling units' are excluded from inspection under G.S. 20-
41 183.2 and, further, are not required to be equipped with brakes.

42 (4) Exhibit his federal employer's identification number.

43 (5) Payment of an annual license fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)."

44 Sec. 3. G.S. 20-360(a) reads as rewritten:

1 "(a) Persons licensed as professional housemovers shall also be required to secure
2 a permit from the Department for every move undertaken on the State Highway System
3 of roads; that permit shall be issued by the Department after determining that the
4 applicant is (i) properly licensed, (ii) furnished special surety bonds as required by the
5 Department, ~~and~~ (iii) complying with such other regulations as required by the
6 ~~Department.~~ Department, and has paid a permit fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00)."

7 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.