

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to mobile home parks by providing for severe  
2 weather evacuation plans and the construction of storm  
3 shelters.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 331.301, subsection 15, paragraph a,  
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2001, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 A county may adopt and enforce an ordinance requiring the  
5 construction of a storm shelter at a mobile home park ~~which is~~  
6 ~~constructed after July 17, 1999. In lieu of requiring~~  
7 ~~construction of~~ If a storm shelter is not required at a mobile  
8 home park, a county ~~may~~ shall require a park owner to provide  
9 a plan for the evacuation of park residents to a safe place of  
10 shelter in times of severe weather ~~including tornadoes and~~  
11 ~~high winds if the county determines that a safe place of~~  
12 ~~shelter is available within a reasonable distance of the~~  
13 ~~mobile home park for use by park residents.~~ Each evacuation  
14 plan prepared pursuant to this subsection shall be filed with,  
15 and approved by, the local emergency management agency. If  
16 construction of a storm shelter is required, an ordinance  
17 adopted or enforced pursuant to this subsection shall not  
18 include any of the following requirements:

19 Sec. 2. Section 331.301, subsection 15, paragraph a,  
20 subparagraph (3), Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

21 (3) That the storm shelter exceed the construction  
22 specifications approved by a licensed professional engineer  
23 and ~~presented by the owner of the mobile home park~~ local  
24 emergency management agency.

25 Sec. 3. Section 364.3, subsection 8, paragraph a,  
26 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2001, is amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 A city may adopt and enforce an ordinance requiring the  
29 construction of a storm shelter at a mobile home park ~~which is~~  
30 ~~constructed after July 17, 1999. In lieu of requiring~~  
31 ~~construction of~~ If a storm shelter is not required at a mobile  
32 home park, a city ~~may~~ shall require a park owner to provide a  
33 plan for the evacuation of park residents to a safe place of  
34 shelter in times of severe weather ~~including tornadoes and~~  
35 ~~high winds if the city determines that a safe place of shelter~~

1 ~~is available within a reasonable distance of the mobile home~~  
2 ~~park for use by park residents.~~ Each evacuation plan prepared  
3 pursuant to this subsection shall be filed with, and approved  
4 by, the local emergency management agency. If construction of  
5 a storm shelter is required, an ordinance adopted or enforced  
6 pursuant to this subsection shall not include any of the  
7 following requirements:

8 Sec. 4. Section 364.3, subsection 8, paragraph a,  
9 subparagraph (3), Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

10 (3) That the storm shelter exceed the construction  
11 specifications approved by a licensed professional engineer  
12 and ~~presented by the owner of the mobile home park~~ local  
13 emergency management agency.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill provides that a county or a city may adopt and  
16 enforce an ordinance requiring the construction of a storm  
17 shelter at a mobile home park. Currently, such a county or  
18 city ordinance applies only to mobile home parks constructed  
19 after July 1, 1999. If a storm shelter is required, the  
20 construction specifications of the storm shelter need not  
21 exceed those specifications approved by a licensed  
22 professional engineer and the local emergency management  
23 agency.

24 If a storm shelter is not required at a mobile home park, a  
25 county or city shall require a mobile home park owner to  
26 provide a plan for the evacuation of park residents to a safe  
27 place of shelter in times of severe weather. The evacuation  
28 plan shall be filed with, and approved by, the local emergency  
29 management agency.

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