



WATCHDOG



Guarding manufactured/mobile home owner rights

March 4, 2024

Greetings all!!

It is wonderful to create a *Watchdog* as an update with no action needed on your part!! It is very long with lots of information and hope it is helpful.

First, a big **THANK YOU** to all of you who participated in activity to support this year's FMO legislation! You know who you are and you really made a difference in the process! In the first House subcommittee the Democratic Ranking Member told our House sponsor he was glad to finally get to vote on her bill because he could go and clear his emails...he had received over 1,100 requests for support of the bill!! That is amazing, folks! Good Job! You really define the term "People Power."

Second, a big **THANK YOU** to our Senate and House sponsors!! Senator Colleen Burton, (part of Polk County), filed SB 1140 and Representative Paula Stark, (parts of Orange and Osceola), filed HB 613. Each of our sponsors was fully engaged throughout the entire process in order to "land this plane!!"

PROCESS:

On Friday, (March 1), the House passed CS/CS/CS/HB 613 111-0, and about an hour later, the Senate passed CS/CS/CS/HB 613 33-0!

As we have discussed over the years, both chambers must pass the same bill. The Senate Bill made it to the Senate Calendar first which means the bill has passed through all its committees and is ready to be considered by that chamber. Very quickly Senator Burton made arrangements for Senate consideration (Special Order) and then strategically held that position waiting for the House to act.

As soon as the House Bill cleared its committees, Representative Stark arranged to have it placed on the second to last Special Order for the House.

It was considered Thursday and had final passage Friday. The House immediately sent 613 to the Senate and the Senate took it up and passed it.

The bill was then “ordered enrolled” which means it has passed both chambers!

If you would like to see the final version, please go to: www.flsenate.gov Put in 613 at the top and find the “ENR” version of the bill. At this writing, the enrolled version is not online and will be very soon. Or view this, the final version: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2024/613/BillText/c3/PDF>

A visual about 613 may be easier to follow and there was similar activity for 1140 in the Senate at the same time. Please see below. It is important to note that at each step along the way, FMO prepared a script for the sponsor’s remarks, worked with chairs to get the bill agenda, worked with staff analysts to assure understanding of the bill language, and reached out to every member of each committee or subcommittee to request support. Lots of moving parts!!

BILL HISTORY

DATE

CHAMBER

ACTION

11/21/2023

House

- Filed

11/30/2023

House

- Referred to Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee
- Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee
- Referred to State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee
- Referred to Commerce Committee
- Now in Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee

01/09/2024

House

- First Reading (Original Filed Version)

01/30/2024

House

- Added to Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee agenda

02/01/2024

House

- Favorable with CS by Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee

02/02/2024

House

- Reported out of Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee
- Laid on Table under Rule 7.18(a)
- CS Filed

02/05/2024

House

- Original reference removed: Civil Justice Subcommittee
- Referred to State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee
- Referred to Commerce Committee
- Now in State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee
- 1st Reading (Committee Substitute 1)

02/09/2024

House

- Added to State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee agenda

02/13/2024

House

- Favorable with CS by State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee
- Reported out of State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee
- Laid on Table under Rule 7.18(a)
- CS Filed

02/14/2024

House

- 1st Reading (Committee Substitute 2)
- Referred to Commerce Committee
- Now in Commerce Committee

02/20/2024

House

- Added to Commerce Committee agenda

02/24/2024

House

- Reported out of Commerce Committee
- Laid on Table under Rule 7.18(a)
- CS Filed

02/26/2024

House

- Bill referred to House Calendar
- Bill added to Special Order Calendar (2/29/2024)
- 1st Reading (Committee Substitute 3)

02/29/2024

House

- Read 2nd time
- Placed on 3rd reading
- Added to Third Reading Calendar

03/01/2024

House

- Read 3rd time
- CS passed; YEAS 111, NAYS 0

03/01/2024

House

- In Messages
- Referred to Fiscal Policy
- Withdrawn from Fiscal Policy -SJ 596
- Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
- Substituted for [CS/CS/SB 1140](#) -SJ 596
- Received
- Read 2nd time -SJ 596
- Read 3rd time -SJ 596
- CS passed; YEAS 33 NAYS 0 -SJ 596

03/01/2024

House

- In Messages
- Ordered enrolled

NEXT STEPS:

The Senate President and House Speaker will each “sign” the bill and it will then be transmitted to the Governor. There are no rules or timeframes required for this. If the presiding officers take this action before March 8 while the Legislature is still in Session, the Governor has 7 days to take action. If the bill is transmitted after Session the Governor has 15 days to take action. The Governor may sign the bill, or after his deadline (whichever it is) it will become law

without his signature. The Governor also may veto the bill. FMO has already contacted the Governor's office to request his support.

Yes, this is a lot to take in. It has been a journey!

Thanks for all you are doing to support FMO,

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