LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES TITLE 51. TRADE AND COMMERCE CHAPTER 2. PARTICULAR GOODS

PART XIV-C. MANUFACTURED HOUSING STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

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§912.51. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "Louisiana state plan" means the document which outlines the process by which the state administrative agent shall ensure the effective handling of consumer complaints and other information that relates to noncompliance, defects, or imminent safety hazards, involving manufactured housing, together with any responsibility delegated to the state administrative agent.
- (2) "State administrative agency" means the office of the state fire marshal.
- (3) "State administrative agent" or "agent" means the state fire marshal.

§912.52. Louisiana state administrative agent

A. The agent is hereby vested with the powers and authority necessary and proper to enable the agent to fully and effectively carry out and enforce the provisions and objectives of the Louisiana state plan administered on behalf of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, hereafter referred to as "HUD". The agent is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and promulgate all reasonable rules and regulations to accomplish the objectives of the Louisiana state plan. The enumeration of any power or authority herein shall not be construed to deny, impair, disparage, or limit any others necessary to the attainment thereof. All rules and regulations shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. Oversight review shall be conducted by the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

- B. The power and authority of the agent shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - (1) Working with manufactured home consumers, manufacturers, retailers, developers, salesmen, and installers to hear consumer complaints and other information that relates to noncompliance, defects, or imminent safety hazards as set forth in 24 CFR Part 3282, Subpart I. The agent may make final determinations regarding consumer complaints.
 - (2) The right to enter at a reasonable time and inspect all factories, warehouses, or establishments in the state in which manufactured homes are manufactured.
 - (3) Imposing civil and criminal penalties payable to the state through the Louisiana Manufactured Housing Commission as provided for in 42 U.S.C. 5410.
 - (4) Establishing necessary notification and corrective procedures under 24 CFR Part 3282, Subpart I.

- (5) Providing oversight as prescribed by law of remedial actions carried out by manufacturers and a manufacturer's handling of consumer complaints as to plants located within the state.
- (6) Establishing a monitoring inspection fee in accordance with the guidelines established by the secretary of HUD and providing for participation in the federal fee distribution system.

§912.53. Administrative and enforcement of the state plan; powers; applicability

- A. The agent shall be charged with the adoption, administration, and enforcement of the state plan, pursuant to the federal standards enforcement program and any other rules and regulations necessary for the administration and enforcement of the state plan. The standards adopted shall be in conformity with the standards promulgated pursuant to 24 CFR Part 3280 and 24 CFR Part 3282. The agent shall discharge this duty consistent with the rules and regulations promulgated by HUD.
- B. The agent may adopt, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, such rules and regulations as are necessary to enforce the standards promulgated under the state plan and any other rules and regulations necessary for the administration and enforcement of the state plan not inconsistent with the provisions of the federal standards enforcement program.
- C. Except as otherwise provided for in this Part, the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 shall apply to the administration and enforcement of this Part.

END OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT LAW