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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;~~ with minimum coverage of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) combined single limit of liability;

(2) Comprehensive general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) combined single limit of ~~liability;~~ liability, including coverage of operations on North Carolina streets and highways that are not covered by motor vehicle insurance; and

1 (3) Workers' compensation insurance that complies with Chapter 97 for all
2 employees if the person is licensed as a professional housemover is not
3 exempt from that Chapter. housemover. The exemptions in G.S. 97-13
4 from the provisions of Chapter 97 shall not apply to licensed
5 professional housemovers.

6 (b) The certificate or certificates shall provide for continuous coverage during the
7 effective period of the license issued pursuant to this Article. At the time the certificate
8 is filed, the applicant shall also file with the Department a current list of all motor
9 vehicles covered by the certificate. The applicant shall file amendments to the list
10 within 15 days of any changes.

11 ~~(e) The Department shall be notified by the person licensed as a professional~~
12 ~~housemover of and 30 days prior to any cancellation or changes made to any provision~~
13 ~~of the insurance required by subsection (a) of this section.~~

14 (c) An insurance company issuing any insurance policy required by subsection
15 (a) of this section shall notify the Department of any of the following events at least 30
16 days before its occurrence: (i) cancellation of the policy, (ii) nonrenewal of the policy,
17 or (iii) any change in the policy.

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

23 (d) In addition to all coverages required by this section, the applicant shall post
24 with the Department a copy of either: (i) a bond or other acceptable surety providing
25 coverage in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the benefit of a
26 person contracting with the housemover to move that person's structure for all claims
27 for property damage arising from the movement of a structure pursuant to this Article,
28 or (ii) a policy of cargo insurance in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)."

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

30 **"§ 20-358. Qualifications to become licensed.**

31 The Department shall issue annual printed licenses to applicants meeting the
32 following conditions:

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

- 42 a. Moving superintendent,
- 43 b. Moving foreman, and

1 c. General mechanic and helper in the housemoving
2 profession or trade.

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

4 (3) The applicant must furnish proof that all of the vehicles, excluding
5 'beams and dollies' and 'hauling units,' to be used in the movement of
6 buildings, structures, or other extraordinary objects wider than 14 feet
7 have met the requirements of G.S. 20-183.2 pertaining to the
8 equipment inspection of motor vehicles; provided that the 'beams and
9 dollies' and 'hauling units' are excluded from inspection under G.S. 20-
10 183.2 and, further, are not required to be equipped with brakes.

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

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

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

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

20 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective August 1, 1991.