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258 manufactured housing-related licenses renewed in WV

CHARLESTON -- State regulators renewed licenses for 83 retail manufactured housing retail centers and issued licenses to three new out-of-state retailers when the West Virginia Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Board met Wednesday.

A dozen retail centers, reflecting the uneven recovery of the industry in the Mountain State, failed to renew their licenses or had them inactivated. Five of those no longer working were located in the state.

At the same time, the State Board renewed the licenses of 33 manufacturers; it also renewed licenses for 139 contractors, down a dozen from last year, while it licensed 11 new contractors.

Overall, retailers dropped by nine and contractors were reduced by one, while manufacturers remained at the same number for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Retailers not renewing or having their licenses inactivated included: Waugh's Mobile Home Moving Sales and Service of Berkeley Springs; Trinity Homes of New Martinsville; Boone Homes Inc. of Madison; two for CMH Homes Inc.; New Concept Homes of Charles Town; America's Best Homes of Ikes Fork; and out of state: Johnson's Mobile Homes Inc. of Gallipolis, Ohio; Bob's Quality Homes of Belpre, Ohio; Williams Management Group Inc. of Frazeyburg, Ohio.; two for Midwest Manufactured Homes of Frazeyburg, Ohio.

The three new licenses were for Clayton Homes Inc. outlets at Johnson City and Kingsport, Tenn.; and Frazeyburg, Ohio.

The State Board at this meeting also approved the reapplications for two contractors: Jimmy's Home Improvements of Madison; and John Tatterson, doing business as Tatterson & Son of Shinnston.

The dozen contractors that failed to renew or were inactivated included: Rice's Construction, J.H. Construction; Randolph HVAC Inc.; S.T.I. Inc.; Robert Beavers Homes Repair; Brumfield Toting; Bobby Bostic Masonry; All-In-One Construction Inc., Moon's Mobile Home Movers; S&K Sets; Tradeworx, P.J. Rogers Construction Co.

The one manufacturer inactivated was a location for Champion Home Builders Inc.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Mitch Woodrum warned the board of a dangerous shortage of inspectors for the program. The relatively new inspector for the northern part of the state has given his notice and his last day will be Aug. 4. Only veteran inspector Keith Casto remains and his retirement date is looming.

The State Board agreed to meet in November, but did not decide on a date.