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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would define recreational park
9 trailers and would require recreational park
10 trailers to be constructed in compliance with
11 standards of the American National Standards
12 Institute. Total area of a unit would be defined
13 not to exceed 400 square feet. Compliance with the
14 standards would be required to be based on
15 independent third-party plant inspections.
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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT
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21 Relating to recreational park trailers; to require
22 recreational park trailers to be constructed in compliance
23 with standards of the American National Standards Institute
24 and to be subject to independent third-party inspections.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, a
27 "recreational park trailer" is a transportable unit that has a

1 body width not exceeding 14 feet and which is built on a
2 single chassis and is designed to provide seasonal or
3 temporary living quarters when connected to utilities
4 necessary for operation of installed fixtures and appliances.
5 The total area of the unit in a setup mode, when measured from
6 the exterior surface of the exterior stud walls at the level
7 of maximum dimensions, not including any bay window, may not
8 exceed 400 square feet when constructed to ANSI A-119.5
9 standards. The length of a recreational park trailer means the
10 distance from the exterior of the front of the body nearest to
11 the drawbar and coupling mechanism to the exterior of the rear
12 of the body at the opposite end of the body including any
13 protrusions.

14 (b) Any recreational park trailer manufactured for
15 sale in this state shall be constructed in compliance with
16 American National Standards Institute ANSI A-119.5 standards
17 for park trailers. A recreational park trailer shall be deemed
18 to be constructed in compliance with ANSI A-119.5 standards if
19 the manufacturer submits to independent third-party plant
20 inspections to assure compliance. A recreational park trailer
21 manufactured by a manufacturer that is subject to independent
22 third-party inspections and which is eligible to bear the seal
23 of the Recreational Park Trailer Industry Association
24 certifying that the manufacturer is in compliance with the
25 Standards for Recreational Park Trailers, ANSI A-119.5, shall
26 be considered to meet the requirements of this section. Any

1 other third-party plant inspection program shall be approved
2 by the State Fire Marshal.

3 (c) A recreational park trailer that meets the
4 requirements of this section is not a mobile home or otherwise
5 subject to regulation by the Manufactured Housing Commission.

6 Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
7 with this act are repealed.

8 Section 3. This act shall become effective
9 immediately following its passage and approval by the
10 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.