



# WATCHDOG

*Guarding manufactured/mobile home owner rights*

## UPDATES on March 15, 2021

Time for an Update from Tallahassee! Please see this as a “For Your Information” report and at this time no action is required!!

### Mobile Home Tie-Down Program:

A big **THANK YOU** to all of you who wrote or called the first and second House and Senate Committee members...**SB 168** passed Senate Banking and Insurance 11-0 and Senate Community Affairs 9-0. **HB 423** passed House Pandemics & Public Emergencies 18-0 and House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee 15-0!!

Your outreach has made all the difference and once again this year your communications have been appropriate and respectful. FMO is well positioned to get this bill to the Governor’s desk, absent the unforeseen. The Senate Appropriations Committee may be able to hear the bill during the week of March 29. This will be the final Senate stop before consideration by the full Senate. In the House there are two remaining committees and FMO is working to get on the House Appropriations agenda during the week of March 29.

### Additional Advocacy:

This year the FMO is actively supporting legislation that is of interest or will be helpful to FMO members. Bill sponsors are receiving a letter of support from FMO President Tom Bertz and FMO Political Advocacy Committee Chair Jesse James. The letters are specific to the subject matter...not form letters!

The following bills are several of those FMO is supporting. This is provided as information and no action is requested.

**SB 1608/HB 9:** Protects Consumers Against Pandemic-related Fraud. They define the term “personal protective equipment” and prohibiting false or misleading statements about the availability of or access to certain vaccines.

**SB 348/HB 461:** Revises requirement that Medicaid pay deductibles & coinsurance for certain Medicare emergency transportation services provided to eligible recipients.

**SB 598:** Provides exemptions from the sales and use tax on the retail sale of certain clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, personal computers, and personal computer-related accessories during a specified timeframe.

**SB 734:** Providing exemptions from the sales and use tax for specified disaster preparedness supplies during a specified timeframe.

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Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Stewart*