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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING PROVIDING HOME OWNERS IN A MOBILE HOME PARK THE
102	OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THE PARK UNDER SPECIFIED
103	CIRCUMSTANCES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill gives home owners in a mobile home park the opportunity to make an offer to buy the park if the landlord anticipates selling it or changing the use of the land. A landlord must give notice of a pending sale to the home owners, the applicable municipality or county, the division of housing in the department of local affairs, and each home SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended

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owners' association, residents' association, or similar body that represents the residents of the park. The home owners then have 90 days to make an offer to purchase and arrange financing if necessary. A purchase may be made by an association representing at least 51% of the home owners.

If a sale of a mobile home park occurs and the home owners are not the buyers, the landlord must send the municipality or county and the division of housing an affidavit of compliance with the requirements of the bill

The notice and purchase-option provisions do not apply if the proposed sale is to a family member of the landlord or to someone who is already a cotenant of the property or if a transfer occurs due to inheritance or eminent domain.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

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2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that:

- (a) More than 100,000 Coloradans currently live in manufactured housing, including mobile homes, and that number is increasing;
- (b) Mobile homes, manufactured housing, and factory-built housing are important, unsubsidized, and effective ways to meet Colorado's affordable housing needs;
- (c) Because many people living in mobile home parks own their home but not the land upon which it sits, park owners can wield significant power over housing security. If a park owner pursues redevelopment of the park property, mobile home owners are at risk of losing their investment. The scarcity of vacancies in other parks and the high costs of relocating a mobile home make relocation of a mobile home nearly impossible. When a mobile home park closes, mobile home owners can find themselves pushed into poverty.
- (d) The department of regulatory agencies' "2018 Sunrise Review: Manufactured Housing Community Owners and Managers" states: "Clearly, harm is occurring in manufactured housing communities ... The

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- 1 harm largely stems from the lack of enforcement of existing laws, bad 2 actors exploiting a relatively loose regulatory structure, and the inevitable 3 tension that arises when the house belongs to one person but the land 4 beneath it belongs to someone else ... Conditions for Colorado owners of 5 manufactured homes could be improved by ... promoting opportunities 6 for homeowners to purchase the communities they live in; and increasing 7 political engagement at the local and the state level."; 8 (e) Existing statutory provisions requiring notice to mobile home 9 owners of a pending sale or change in use of a mobile home park 10 represent a positive step toward reducing the amount of economic 11 disruption experienced by mobile home owners in these circumstances; 12 and 13 (f) Building on these provisions by also giving mobile home 14 owners an opportunity to purchase the property, in accordance with this 15 act, can help to promote home ownership while preserving the benefits of 16 mobile home parks as affordable housing. 17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal and reenact, 18 with amendments, 38-12-217 as follows: 19 38-12-217. Notice of change of use - notice of sale or closure of 20 park - opportunity for home owners to purchase - procedures -21 **exemptions.** (1) EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (12) OF THIS 22 SECTION: 23 (a) A MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER SHALL NOTIFY THE OWNERS OF
 - PARK IS SITUATED OR, IF NONE, THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PARK IS SITUATED OF THE PARK OWNER'S INTENT TO CHANGE THE USE OF THE LAND COMPRISING THE PARK OR TO SELL THE PARK.

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2	OF THE LAND COMPRISING THE MOBILE HOME PARK, THE MOBILE HOME
3	PARK OWNER SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH HOME OWNER AT
4	LEAST TWELVE MONTHS BEFORE THE CHANGE IN USE WILL OCCUR. THE
5	MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER SHALL MAIL THE WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH
6	HOME OWNER AT THE HOME OWNER'S MOST RECENT ADDRESS AND SHALL
7	POST A COPY OF THE NOTICE IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE MOBILE
8	HOME OR AT THE MAIN POINT OF ENTRY TO THE LOT.
9	(c) NO EARLIER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER GIVING THE NOTICE
10	REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (1) OR SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION,
11	A MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER MAY POST INFORMATION IN A PUBLIC SPACE
12	IN THE MOBILE HOME PARK DESCRIBING THE METHOD FOR PROVIDING A
13	SIGNED WRITING TO THE MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER RELATED TO THE
14	OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE. THE POSTING MAY INCLUDE STANDARD
15	FORMS RELATED TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE, INCLUDING A FORM
16	FOR PROVIDING NOTICE THAT A HOME OWNER DOES NOT WISH TO
17	PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO PURCHASE A COMMUNITY. IF, NO EARLIER
18	THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER A MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER PROVIDES THE
19	NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (1) OR SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
20	SECTION, AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF THE HOME OWNERS WHO RESIDE IN
21	THE PARK PROVIDE SIGNED WRITINGS TO THE MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER
22	EXPRESSING NO INTEREST IN PURCHASING THE PARK, THEN THE
23	OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE PROVIDED BY SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS
24	SECTION SHALL TERMINATE EVEN IF THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD PROVIDED
25	FOR IN SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION HAS NOT YET ELAPSED.
26	(d) A MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER SHALL NOT SOLICIT OR REQUEST
27	A HOME OWNER'S INTENTION OR A SIGNED WRITING RELATED TO THE

(b) If a mobile home park owner intends to change the use

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1	OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE DURING THE INITIAL THIRTY DAYS AFTER
2	GIVING NOTICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) OR SUBSECTION (2) OF
3	THIS SECTION. AT NO TIME DURING THE TIME PERIOD FOR CONSIDERING AN
4	OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SHALL A MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER
5	ATTEMPT TO COERCE OR PROVIDE ANY FINANCIAL OR IN-KIND INCENTIVES
6	TO A HOME OWNER TO INFLUENCE THE HOMEOWNER'S DECISION. ANY
7	COMPLAINTS ALLEGING VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) MAY BE
8	RESOLVED UNDER PART 11 OF THIS ARTICLE 12.
9	(2) Notice - when required. In addition to the notice
10	SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, AND EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED
11	IN SUBSECTION (12) OF THIS SECTION:
12	$(a) \ A \ LANDLORD \ SHALL \ GIVE \ NOTICE \ TO \ EACH \ HOME \ OWNER \ IN \ THE$
13	MOBILE HOME PARK UPON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TRIGGERING EVENTS:
14	(I) THE LANDLORD LISTS THE PARK FOR SALE;
15	(II) THE LANDLORD INTENDS TO MAKE A FINAL, UNCONDITIONAL
16	ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE PARK; OR
17	(III) THE LANDLORD RECEIVES:
18	(A) A NOTICE OF ELECTION AND DEMAND OR LIS PENDENS
19	RELATED TO FORECLOSURE OF THE PARK PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE
20	38 of this title 38; or
21	(B) NOTICE THAT A CERTIFICATE OF LEVY HAS BEEN FILED
22	RELATED TO THE PARK PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-56-101.
23	(b) WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH ANY OF
24	THE EVENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION OCCUR,
25	THE LANDLORD SHALL MAIL THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION BY
26	CERTIFIED MAIL TO:
27	(I) EACH HOME OWNER, USING THE MOST RECENT ADDRESS OF THE

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1	HOME OWNER, AND SHALL POST A COPY OF THE NOTICE IN A CONSPICUOUS
2	PLACE ON THE MOBILE HOME OR AT THE MAIN POINT OF ENTRY TO THE LOT;
3	(II) THE MUNICIPALITY OR, IF THE PARK IS IN AN UNINCORPORATED
4	AREA, THE COUNTY WITHIN WHICH THE PARK IS LOCATED;
5	(III) THE DIVISION OF HOUSING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
6	AFFAIRS; AND
7	(IV) EACH HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, RESIDENTS'
8	ASSOCIATION, OR SIMILAR BODY THAT REPRESENTS THE RESIDENTS OF THE
9	PARK.
10	(3) Contents of notice. The NOTICE GIVEN PURSUANT TO
11	SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE NOTICE OF HOME
12	OWNERS' RIGHTS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (4) TO (9) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE
13	TRIGGERING EVENT INVOLVES A SALE, THE NOTICE MUST ALSO INCLUDE A
14	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY TO BE PURCHASED AND THE PRICE, TERMS,
15	AND CONDITIONS OF AN ACCEPTABLE OFFER THE LANDLORD HAS RECEIVED
16	TO SELL THE MOBILE HOME PARK OR THE PRICE OR TERMS AND CONDITIONS
17	FOR WHICH THE LANDLORD INTENDS TO SELL THE PARK. THE INFORMATION
18	REGARDING THE PROPOSED SALE AND THE PRICE, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS
19	OF AN ACCEPTABLE OFFER MAY BE SHARED FOR THE PURPOSES OF
20	EVALUATING OR OBTAINING FINANCING FOR THE PROSPECTIVE
21	TRANSACTION, BUT ALL PERSONS WHO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION SHALL
22	OTHERWISE KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL IF THE PARK OWNER OR THE PARK
23	OWNER'S AGENT SO REQUESTS.
24	(4) Offer to purchase - who may submit - time limits. (a) A
25	GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES HAVE
26	NINETY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT THE LANDLORD MAILS A NOTICE
27	UNDER SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION TO:

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1	(1) SUBMIT TO THE LANDLORD A PROPOSED PURCHASE AND SALE
2	AGREEMENT; AND
3	(II) OBTAIN A BINDING COMMITMENT FOR ANY NECESSARY
4	FINANCING OR GUARANTEES.
5	(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF A
6	FORECLOSURE SALE OF THE PARK IS SCHEDULED FOR LESS THAN NINETY
7	DAYS AFTER THE LANDLORD MAILS A NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (1) OR
8	(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE OPPORTUNITY GRANTED BY SUBSECTION (4)(a)
9	OF THIS SECTION TERMINATES ON THE DATE OF THE FORECLOSURE SALE.
10	(c) A GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR
11	ASSIGNEES HAS THE OPPORTUNITY GRANTED BY SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF
12	THIS SECTION IF THE GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR
13	ASSIGNEES HAVE THE APPROVAL OF AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE
14	HOME OWNERS IN THE PARK. THE GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME
15	OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES MUST SUBMIT TO THE LANDLORD
16	REASONABLE EVIDENCE THAT THE HOME OWNERS OF AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE
17	PERCENT OF THE OCCUPIED HOMES IN THE PARK HAVE APPROVED THE
18	GROUP OR ASSOCIATION PURCHASING THE PARK.
19	(5) Landlord's duty to consider offer. A LANDLORD THAT
20	RECEIVES AN OFFER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT
21	UNREASONABLY REFUSE TO:
22	(a) Provide documents, data, and other information in
23	RESPONSE TO REASONABLE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM A GROUP
24	OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES PARTICIPATING
25	IN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO
26	PREPARE AN OFFER. THE DOCUMENTS, DATA, AND OTHER INFORMATION
27	PROVIDED MAY BE SHARED FOR THE PURPOSES OF EVALUATING OR

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1	OBTAINING FINANCING FOR THE PROSPECTIVE TRANSACTION, BUT ALL
2	PERSONS WHO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION SHALL OTHERWISE KEEP IT
3	CONFIDENTIAL IF THE PARK OWNER OR THE PARK OWNER'S AGENT SO
4	REQUESTS
5	(b) NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH WITH A GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF
6	HOME OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES; OR
7	(c) SCHEDULE A CLOSING DATE FOR A PURCHASE AND SALE
8	AGREEMENT.
9	(6) Expiration of opportunity to purchase. (a) IF THE
10	NINETY-DAY PERIOD PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION
11	ELAPSES AND A GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR
12	ASSIGNEES HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A PROPOSED PURCHASE AND SALE
13	AGREEMENT OR OBTAINED A BINDING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT, THE
14	GROUP'S OR ASSOCIATION'S OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION
15	TERMINATE.
16	(b) A LANDLORD SHALL GIVE A GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME
17	OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES AN ADDITIONAL NINETY DAYS AFTER THE
18	NINETY-DAY PERIOD PROVIDED BY SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO
19	CLOSE ON THE PURCHASE OF THE MOBILE HOME PARK.
20	(7) Extension of time. The NINETY-DAY PERIODS DESCRIBED IN
21	SUBSECTIONS (4)(a) AND (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE EXTENDED BY
22	WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDLORD AND THE GROUP OR
23	ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES.
24	(8) Assignment of right to purchase. A GROUP OR ASSOCIATION
25	OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES THAT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
26	PURCHASE UNDER SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION MAY ASSIGN THEIR
27	PURCHASE RIGHT TO A LOCAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL

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1	GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AUTHORITY, OR NONPROFIT WITH EXPERTISE
2	RELATED TO HOUSING, OR TO AN AGENCY OF THE STATE, FOR THE PURPOSE
3	OF CONTINUING THE USE OF THE PARK.
4	(9) Independence of time limits and notice provisions.
5	(a) EACH OCCURRENCE OF A TRIGGERING EVENT LISTED IN SUBSECTION
6	(1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION CREATES AN INDEPENDENT, NINETY-DAY
7	OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE FOR THE GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME
8	OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES. IF A NINETY-DAY OPPORTUNITY TO
9	PURCHASE IS IN EFFECT AND A NEW TRIGGERING EVENT OCCURS, THE
10	ONGOING NINETY-DAY TIME PERIOD TERMINATES AND A NEW NINETY-DAY
11	TIME PERIOD BEGINS ON THE LATEST DATE ON WHICH THE LANDLORD
12	GIVES NOTICE, AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION,
13	OF THE NEW TRIGGERING EVENT.
14	(b) A NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION IS IN ADDITION TO,
15	AND DOES NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR OR AFFECT, ANY OTHER NOTICE
16	REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS PART 2.
17	(10) A LANDLORD SHALL NOT MAKE A FINAL, UNCONDITIONAL
18	ACCEPTANCE OF ANY OFFER FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE PARK
19	UNTIL:
20	(a) THE LANDLORD HAS CONSIDERED AN OFFER MADE BY A GROUP
21	OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES PURSUANT TO
22	SUBSECTIONS (4) AND (5) OF THIS SECTION; OR
23	(b) THE APPLICABLE PERIOD FOR EXERCISE OF THE OPPORTUNITY
24	TO PURCHASE HAS EXPIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS
25	SECTION.
26	$(11) \ \ \textbf{Failure to complete transaction-affidavit of compliance.}$
2.7	IF THE GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES ARE

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1	NOT THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER OF THE PARK, THE LANDLORD SHALL
2	PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION BY FILING AN
3	AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH:
4	(a) THE MUNICIPALITY OR, IF THE PARK IS IN AN UNINCORPORATED
5	AREA, THE COUNTY, WITHIN WHICH THE PARK IS LOCATED; AND
6	(b) THE DIVISION OF HOUSING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
7	AFFAIRS.
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9	(12) Exemptions from notice requirement. NOTWITHSTANDING
10	ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, A LANDLORD IS NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE
11	NOTICE OR EXTEND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE TO A GROUP OR
12	ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES IF THE SALE,
13	TRANSFER, OR CONVEYANCE OF THE MOBILE HOME PARK IS:
14	(a) TO A SPOUSE, A PARTNER IN A CIVIL UNION, OR A PARENT,
15	SIBLING, AUNT, UNCLE, FIRST COUSIN, OR LEGALLY RECOGNIZED CHILD OF
16	THE LANDLORD;
17	(b) To a trust the beneficiaries of which are the spouse,
18	PARTNER IN A CIVIL UNION, OR LEGALLY RECOGNIZED CHILDREN OF THE
19	LANDLORD;
20	$\left(c\right)\left(I\right)$ To a business entity or trust that the transferring
21	BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST CONTROLS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.
22	(II) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (13)(c), "CONTROLS" MEANS:
23	(A) OWNS ENTIRELY AS A SUBSIDIARY;
24	(B) OWNS A MAJORITY INTEREST IN; OR
25	(C) OWNS AS LARGE AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST AS ANY OTHER
26	OWNER, WITH A MINIMUM OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF TWENTY-FIVE
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1	(d) TO A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS INCLUDED WITHIN THE LINE OF
2	INTESTATE SUCCESSION IF THE LANDLORD DIES INTESTATE;
3	(e) BETWEEN JOINT TENANTS OR TENANTS IN COMMON; OR
4	(f) PURSUANT TO EMINENT DOMAIN.
5	(13) TO QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (12) OF
6	THIS SECTION, A TRANSACTION MUST NOT BE MADE IN BAD FAITH, MUST BE
7	MADE FOR A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS PURPOSE OR A LEGITIMATE FAMILIAL
8	PURPOSE CONSISTENT WITH THE EXEMPTIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (12)
9	OF THIS SECTION, AND MUST NOT BE MADE FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF
10	AVOIDING THE OPPORTUNITY-TO-PURCHASE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THIS
11	<u>SECTION.</u>
12	(14) Triggering events not essential. (a) A GROUP OR
13	ASSOCIATION OF HOME OWNERS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES MAY SUBMIT AN
14	OFFER TO PURCHASE TO A LANDLORD AT ANY TIME, EVEN IF NONE OF THE
15	EVENTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION HAS OCCURRED.
16	(b) THE LANDLORD SHALL CONSIDER IN GOOD FAITH ANY OFFER
17	MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION $(14)(a)$ OF THIS SECTION.
18	(15) The department of local affairs and the office of
19	ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE
20	INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IN RESPONSE TO A COMPLAINT ALLEGING A VIOLATION
21	OF THIS SECTION OR TO DELAY A TRANSFER OR TRANSACTION INVOLVING
22	THE PROPERTY AND FILING AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT REFERENCING
23	THIS SECTION SHALL NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF DOING SO.
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25	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-12-1105, amend
26	(1) as follows:
27	38-12-1105. Dispute resolution program - complaint process.

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1	(1) Beginning May 1, 2020, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION
2	(1), AS AMENDED, any aggrieved party may file a complaint with the
3	division alleging a violation of the act or this part 11, REGARDLESS OF
4	WHETHER THE PROVISION ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED CONTAINS A SPECIFIC
5	REFERENCE TO THIS SECTION.
6	SECTION 4. Applicability. This act applies to conduct occurring
7	on or after the effective date of this act.
8	SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
9	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10	preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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