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### **Two retailers licensed by regulatory board**

CHARLESTON – Factory-built housing retail centers were licensed Wednesday in Preston and Upshur counties by the state Division of Labor.

The West Virginia Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Board, meeting by teleconference, also approved the renewed licenses of a manufacturer and a contractor, but rejected the petition of a bricklayer who sought a waiver from a state licensing requirement.

The board issued a retail license to Crown Homes, LLC, of Kingwood and granted a license to Mountain State Home Showcase, Inc., of Buckhannon, pending the completion of paperwork for the latter.

It renewed the licenses of manufacturer Crystal Valley Homes of Elkhart, Ind., a division of Patriot Manufacturing Inc.; and contractor T&M Cooling and Heating, LLC, of Clarksburg.

Arguing he was a masonry worker and not a factory-built housing installer, Mark Arthur, doing business as Fairway Masonry, appealed to the board to be allowed to do masonry work under the license of a retailer and without having to test with the board and obtain a separate manufactured housing installer license.

The practice of a subcontractor working under a retailer's license had been approved by the board in the past, but was changed this year because of federal requirements, Arthur was told.

The board, on a motion by member Steve Solomon, unanimously turned down Arthur's request. It told Arthur he would have to obtain a license from the board.

The West Virginia Housing Institute Inc., which represents the factory-built housing industry, is opposed to the separate licensing requirement for each contractor working in the manufactured housing field and has told the board.