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Retailer license rejected by state regulatory board

A manufactured housing dealer's license was rejected while approval was granted for finishing work on three homes during the most recent meeting of the state's factory-built housing licensing board.

The West Virginia Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Board refused a license on Oct. 13 to Alta Cima Corp, doing business as Factory Expo Home Centers, of Chandler, AZ.

During its July 12 meeting, the State Board imposed a fine of \$1,000 on Factory Expo Home Centers of Garrett, Ind., for operating in West Virginia without a valid license and told the company to cease selling homes in the state until it was licensed.

Mitch Woodrum, director of the manufactured housing section of the state Division of Labor, said at the time his office would continue to investigate the operation of the company, saying he wants to determine who is installing homes for the firm.

He did not give a reason for the latest rejection.

The board did approve repairs for three homes uncompleted when their manufacturers went out of business. The payment fund was voluntarily set up by the industry years ago to ensure consumers were protected when manufacturers went out of business.

The approvals were for repairs on homes for Wayne and Candace Donaldson of Weston, Jeremy Johnson of Orgas, and George Coe of Leroy.

The board scheduled its next meeting for Dec. 1 at the Capitol.