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11 Home Show Locations Licensed to CMH Homes

CHARLESTON -- State regulators approved new licenses Thursday for 11 manufactured housing retail locations previously owned by The Home Show of Hurricane.

The West Virginia Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Board (State Board) also approved a change of corporate name to Champion Home Builders Inc. for four out-of-state manufacturing plants.

Acting on a number of separate disciplinary issues, the State Board told 11 unlicensed companies to halt operations in West Virginia and imposed thousands of dollars in fines on others.

CMH Homes, Inc., of Maryville, TN, "bought out all The Home Shows, effective April 1," said Mitch Woodrum, director of the manufactured housing section of the West Virginia Division of Labor.

The eight West Virginia and three Kentucky locations of The Home Show were owned by Steve and Pam Brown on Hurricane. Steve Brown also was co-president of the industry trade association, the West Virginia Housing Institute Inc., but has resigned.

Champion Enterprises Holding, LLC, of Troy, MI, announced earlier this month it injected \$50 million into manufactured housing manufacturing company Champion Enterprises, Inc., to take it out of bankruptcy.

The State Board approved the following changes of names to Champion Home Builders Inc.: Atlantic Home Division, Claysburg, PA; Redman Homes, Ephrata, PA; New Era Building Systems, Strattonville, PA; and Redman in Topeka, IN.

The change was effective March 19, according to Woodrum.

The State Board levied fines of \$1,200 against two companies and reprimanded nine others in telling all 11 to cease operations in the state because they failed to obtain proper licenses.

The State Board fined 16 other companies \$3,700 for various infractions and cited more than 40 for failing to file quarterly reports to the DOL concerning their operations.