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### **State Board issues fiscal 2011-12 licenses**

CHARLESTON -- The state board that oversees manufactured housing in West Virginia issued licenses Tuesday to 102 retail dealers, 33 manufacturers and 143 contractors for fiscal year 2011-12.

Mitch Woodrum, director of the manufactured housing section in the state Division of Labor, told the West Virginia Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Board that 14 retailers, two manufacturers, and 23 contractors allowed their licenses to lapse or did not renew for the year that started July 1.

Woodrum said the failure to renew may have been an oversight by some of the companies, but fewer businesses being licensed also reflects a slowdown in the manufactured housing industry.

Among those not renewing their licenses were retailers in Capon Bridge, Oak Hill, Chapmanville, Barboursville, Buckhannon, Madison and Berkeley Springs, as well as one from Pennsylvania, two from Ohio and four from Virginia.

The State Board also 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 is licensed.

Woodrum said his office would continue to investigate the operation of the company, saying he wants to determine who is installing homes for the firm.

In other action, the State Board fined a Doddridge County retailer \$450 for utilizing an unlicensed contractor and failing to install a home in accordance with state and federal standards.

The panel imposed a total of \$1,050 in penalties against 14 companies for failing to file proper quarterly activity reports.

The State Board approved one contractor license for Dunlap Mobile Home Services, LLC, of Peytona; and conditionally approved a license for Bob's Home Service, LLC, of Lucasville, OH.

Woodrum reported the voluntary fund set up by the industry to ensure completion of work on homes where the manufacturer has gone out of business is at \$1.5 million. The fund is paid for by industry fines and licenses and does not involve state money.

The board set its next meeting for Dec. 1.