



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4781.07 Certification of local authorities to exercise division authority.

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(A) Pursuant to rules the division of industrial compliance adopts, the division may certify municipal, township, and county building departments and the personnel of those departments, or any private third party, to exercise the division's enforcement authority, accept and approve plans and specifications for foundations, support systems and installations, and inspect manufactured housing foundations, support systems, and manufactured housing installations. Any certification is effective for three years.

(B) Following an investigation and finding of facts that support its action, the division of industrial compliance may revoke or suspend certification. The division may initiate an investigation on the division's own motion or the petition of a person affected by the enforcement or approval of plans.

(C)(1) If a township, municipal corporation, or county does not have a building department that is certified pursuant to this section, it may designate by resolution or ordinance another building department that has been certified pursuant to this section to exercise the division's enforcement authority, accept and approve plans and specifications for foundations, support systems and installations, and inspect manufactured housing foundations, support systems, and manufactured housing installations. The designation is effective upon acceptance by the designee.

(2) An owner of a manufactured home or an operator of a manufactured home park may request an inspection and obtain an approval described in division (C)(1) of this section from any building department certified pursuant to this section designated by the township, municipal corporation, or county in which the owner's manufactured home or operator's manufactured home park is located.

(D) The board shall certify an individual to exercise enforcement authority, to accept and approve plans and specifications, or to make inspections in this state in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual is certified in another state.



(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in exercising enforcement authority, accepting and approving plans and specifications for foundations, support systems and installations, or inspecting manufactured housing foundations, support systems, and installations, in a state that does not issue that certification.