

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Code Enforcement Officials, Gas Suppliers, Gas Equipment Suppliers/Installers, Consumers and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Unvented Gas-Fired Heaters in Manufactured (mobile) Homes

During the last several years there has been a tremendous amount of confusion regarding the acceptability of unvented gas-fired heaters in manufactured homes. On July 22, 1999, Governor James Hunt signed into law Senate Bill 785 removing the legal restrictions in General Statute 119-58 that prohibited the installation of unvented LP fueled heaters in manufactured homes. Due to all of the confusion and with the recent passage of the newly revised law we felt it was necessary to issue a new memorandum summarizing the Department of Insurance's present position on the installation of unvented gas-fired heaters in manufactured homes. This memorandum supersedes this Department's previous memo of February 19, 2003 on this same subject.

UNVENTED GAS-FIRED HEATERS IN MANUFACTURED (mobile) HOMES

The Department of Insurance will accept all unvented Liquefied Petroleum (LP) and Non-Liquefied Petroleum (Non-LP) gas-fired heaters installed in manufactured homes in accordance with the following:

1. All unvented room heaters shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the **Section 621, North Carolina State Building Code: Fuel Gas Code, 2009 Edition.**
2. All unvented room heaters shall be listed and labeled for installation in a manufactured home.
3. All unvented room heaters shall be installed in accordance with the conditions of its listing and the manufacturer's installation instructions.
4. **PROHIBITED USE. One or more unvented room heaters shall not be used as the sole source of comfort heating in a dwelling unit.** (North Carolina Fuel Gas Code Section 621.2)

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