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Overview

Makes a variety of policy changes to the laws involving the sale and closure of manufactured home parks.

Section

- 1 Public hearing; relocation compensation; neutral third party.** Specifies that the public hearing must take place within 60 days after receiving a notice of closure. Clarifies that the neutral third party appointed to administer the closure of a manufactured home park must be “qualified,” meaning familiar with manufactured housing and the relevant laws. Allows the municipality to select a neutral third party if the parties cannot. Requires the neutral third party keep a detailed accounting of payments under this section, which must be provided to the park owner, the municipality, and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, which must in turn include this information in its yearly report.
- 2 Intent to convert use of park at time of purchase.** Allows an entity to purchase a park during the statutory notice period only if the entity agrees in writing to continue to operate the park for at least six years after the date of closing.
- 3 Payment to the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund.** Requires that the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund must have a balance of at least \$3,000,000, rather than \$1,000,000, or an assessment on park owners is triggered. Changes the payment deadline for that assessment from September 15 to November 15. Stipulates that if the commissioner of management and budget fails to notify and assess park owners by August 30 of any given year, the park owners’ payment obligations are waived for the year. Specifies that the letter explaining the assessment must be sent with the assessment notice.

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- 4** **Change in use, relocation expenses; payments by park owner.** Increases the distance from the closed park that a manufactured home may be moved and still qualify for reimbursement for relocation costs from 25 miles to 50 miles. Requires the neutral third party to process all relocation expense payments from the trust fund within 14 days for complete applications. Allows \$3,000, rather than \$1,000, in demolition and site cleanup costs to be deducted from payments to manufactured home owners who tender title to their home because it is unable to be moved. Changes the deadline for Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's reports from January 15 to October 15, requires the report be posted to its Web site as well, and specifies many more details this report must include. Makes technical corrections.
- 5** **Reporting of licensed manufactured home parks.** Adds a new subdivision requiring the Department of Health (and local governments it has delegated to) to provide the Department of Management and Budget license information for each manufactured home park by March 31 each year so invoices for assessments can be sent.
- 6** **Advances to the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund.** Allows the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency or Department of Management and Budget to advance up to \$400,000 from its own resources to the Minnesota manufactured home relocation fund in order to pay claims. Provides for later reimbursement of any such advance.