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Overview

This bill modifies the manufactured home relocation trust fund.

Section

- Renters. Amends § 290A.04, subd. 2a. Adds paragraph (c), which requires the commissioner to deduct \$12 from a property tax refund to a claimant that is a homeowner who occupies a manufactured home located within a manufactured home park. Requires the amount withheld to be separately itemized on the claimant's refund statement, indicating the manufactured home owner's annual payment to the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund.
- Transfers to Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund. Amends § 290A.04, by adding subd. 7. Requires the commissioner to transfer specified funds to the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund. Requires the commissioner to make this transfer by June 30 of each year. Specifies the amount transferred must be equal to the number of eligible homeowner claimants who occupy a manufactured home located within a manufactured home park multiplied by \$12. Specifies the number of eligible homeowner claimants is equal to the number of personal property tax statements for manufactured homes mailed. Requires the amount transferred to be reported to the commissioner of finance and to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.
- Payment to the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund. Amends § 327C.095, subd. 12. Removes language related to manufactured home owners who have failed to pay the annual \$12 payments to the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund. Removes language related to manufactured home owners making annual payments of \$12 to be deposited in the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund, the commissioner of finance preparing a generic invoice and cover letter explaining the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund, park owners receiving, recording, commingling, and forwarding the payments, and the commissioner of finance depositing the payments in the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund.

- Change in use, relocation expenses; payments by park owner. Amends § 327C.095, subd. 13. Removes a requirement that manufactured home owners submit a statement that the annual \$12 payments to the Minnesota manufactured home relocation trust fund have been paid when due when seeking payment from the trust fund.
- **Establishment of fund.** Amends § 462A.35, subd. 1. Updates cross-references to be consistent with the provisions of this bill.
- Suspension of withholding; transfers. Amends § 462A.35, by adding subd. 3. Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner of finance to notify specified agencies and legislative committees if the commissioner projects a positive unrestricted balance in the trust fund at the close of the biennium that exceeds \$1 million. Requires the commissioner of revenue to suspend withholding of property tax refunds and transfers to the trust fund upon notification. Specifies that this suspension remains in effect except as provided in paragraph (b) or otherwise provided by law. Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner of finance to notify specified agencies and legislative committees if the commissioner projects a positive unrestricted balance in the trust fund at the close of the biennium that is below \$1 million. Requires the commissioner of revenue to reinstitute withholding of property tax refunds and transfers to the trust fund upon notification.
- **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 6 effective July 1, 2009.