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Overview

Modifies manufactured home inspections; design plans; and reinstallation requirements.

- 1 Requirement; used manufactured homes.** Requires licensed or limited manufactured home retailers to retain at least one copy of compliance forms to meet dealer record requirements.
- 2 Alternative design plan.** Adds local building officials and third-party inspectors to the list of those to whom an alternative frost-free design slab for new or used manufactured homes may be submitted. The compliance standards are amended to be either the federal installation standard in effect at the date of manufacture, the manufacturer's installation manual, or the Minnesota State Building Code. A permit must be issued within ten days of receipt by the department or the approving authority.
- 3 Reinstallation requirements.** Removes the reference to single-section used manufactured homes.
- 4 Inspections.** Authorizes inspections to be conducted by the department or local officials. Requires that a licensed manufactured home installer retain an inspection sign-off form for at least five years. A copy of the form must be submitted to a licensed manufactured home retailer within 14 days of the final inspection.
- 5 Fee schedule.** Directs that municipalities that have adopted the State Building Code may provide inspection services in non-code areas and that the fees have to be the same as those imposed in code areas.
- 6 Commissioner's fee.** Provides for a set-aside of an unspecified portion of the installation seal fee to be remitted to the department for use in enhancing communication with local building officials and including updates to the Manufactured Home Building Code in continuing education programs for local building officials.
- 7 Dispute resolution.** Provides for a dispute resolution procedure like that used in resolving disputes under the statutory home warranty program.