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Dear IMHA Members:

IMHA was successful in securing a \$107,000 appropriation for the building code commissioner during the 2017 session. Obtaining this money was important so that the building code commissioner could hire an additional inspector for the manufactured housing installation program. IMHA does not want the state of Iowa to lose this inspection program. If that happens, the industry will be dealing with a federal contractor to run the program.

IMHA worked with other groups in assisting to pass legislation that you will find incorporate into our Laws & Regulations manual. HF 134 will prevent cities from trying to limit occupancy in a rental unit based solely on whether the occupants are related to each other.

HF 146 made a change to chapter 648, the eviction chapter. This change will be good for both landlords and tenants. If a landlord gives a faulty notice for the court hearing, such as not getting the notice to the tenant three days before the trial, the judge would be able to advise the tenant that a continuance could be granted because of the deficiency. Under previous law, the judge would have to dismiss the case.

SF 260 and HF 69 are new laws related to trespassing, and we have included those in your updates.

The Property Assessment Appeals Board law has had some revisions, and we have those now in your manual.

Finally, the legislature approved fee increases that the county sheriff can charge. We have included those new fees in your manual.

If you have any questions relative to laws and regulations affecting our profession, be sure to contact IMHA.

Sincerely,


Joe Kelly