

## IOWA MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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## Dear IMHA Members:

This past year was an active one for IMHA at the state legislature. There are five new laws or amendments to existing laws to put into our book. Plus there are three different sets of administrative rules going into the Laws and Regulations manual.

We have a new revolving loan program which is being operated by the Iowa Finance Authority, IFA. This is a specialty program whose use is limited to those Iowans who seek to finance a manufactured home within a mobile/manufactured housing community.

The legislature also changed the law so that veterans can use their housing fund money to purchase a manufactured home that can be sited in a lease community. Prior to this year, the home had to be on private property and taxed as real estate.

We have new laws on the small claims court jurisdictional limit which rose from \$5000 to \$6500. Also, the legislature gave landlords more time to collect on money judgments. We get ten years in courts not of record (usually small claims court) and twenty years in courts of record.

Finally we have included the new law on water services excise tax.

As always, we encourage you to contact IMHA if you have any questions about the contents of this manual.

Sincerely,

Joe Kelly