

82A.11 SALES CONTRACT; RESCISSION.

Subdivision 1. **Writing.** Every membership camping contract shall be in writing.

Subd. 2. **Generally.** Any membership camping contract not exempt under section 82A.06, and entered into after January 1, 1986, is voidable at the discretion of the purchaser, for a period of three years from the date of the sale, if the contract was not registered under this chapter at the time of the sale, unless subsequently thereto the contract is registered under this chapter and in connection therewith, the purchaser has received a written offer to repurchase the contract for cash payable on closing of the repurchase, together with interest thereon from the date of the purchase at the legal rate or at the rate charged by the membership camping operator or lender to the purchaser, whichever is higher, and the purchaser has failed to accept the offer in writing within 30 days of its receipt. No offer of repurchase shall be effective unless a duplicate copy thereof has been filed with the commissioner at least 20 days prior to its delivery to the offeree and the commissioner has not objected to the offer within that time. The offer to repurchase shall be in the form and contain the information the commissioner by rule or order prescribes. If the purchaser no longer owns the membership camping contract, the purchaser shall be entitled to maintain an action at law, and the damages shall be the consideration paid for the membership camping contract, together with interest thereon as specified above from the date of acquisition to the date of disposition, plus costs and reasonable attorney's fees, less the value received by the purchaser upon disposition of the membership camping contract.

Subd. 3. **Right of rescission.** A purchaser has an unconditional right to rescind any membership camping contract, or revoke any offer, at any time prior to or within five business days after the date the purchaser actually receives a legible copy of the binding contract. Predating of a document does not affect the time in which the right to rescind may be exercised.

Subd. 4. **Labeling of contract.** Each membership camping contract shall be prominently labeled and captioned that it is a document taken in connection with a sale of membership camping contracts under this chapter.

Subd. 5. **Notice.** Each membership camping contract shall contain the following notice which shall be in at least 10-point type, stating:

"You are entitled to rescind this agreement for any reason within five business days from the day you actually receive a legible copy of this document signed by all parties. The rescission must be in writing and sent by certified mail to the membership camping operator along with this agreement and any membership card issued to you or your family at the address stated in this document. Upon rescission, you will receive a refund of all money paid within 30 days after the membership camping operator receives notice of your rescission."

The operator or broker may impose a fee of not more than \$25 for processing of a rescission. If the operator or broker does so, it shall add the following clause to the notice: "provided that the membership camping operator (or broker, if the seller is a broker) may retain a processing fee of \$.....," and insert the amount of the charge to be imposed.

In the event the membership camping contract is sold by a broker or the broker's salesperson, the above notice shall be modified to substitute the name of the broker for "membership camping operator."

Subd. 6. **Effective date.** Rescission occurs when the purchaser gives written notice of rescission, whether or not the membership camping contract or any membership card accompanies the notice, to the membership camping operator or the broker at the address stated in the contract. Notice of rescission, if given by mail, is effective when the purchaser deposits a certified letter properly addressed and postage prepaid in a mailbox. A notice of rescission given by the purchaser need not take a particular form and is sufficient if it indicates by any form of written expression the intention of the purchaser not to be bound by the membership camping contract.

Subd. 7. **Nonwaiver.** No act of a purchaser shall be effective to waive the right to rescind as provided in this section.

Subd. 8. **Cancellation by heir.** A membership camping contract that may be transferred by descent or devise must provide that the heir or devisee may cancel the contract. Cancellation of the contract relieves the heir or devisee of any further obligations under the contract.

History: 1985 c 129 s 11; 1987 c 154 s 6; 1995 c 68 s 6; 1996 c 439 art 3 s 10; 1998 c 254 art 1 s 17