

82A.111 ESCROW REQUIREMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** All funds received by a broker, membership camping operator, or salesperson in connection with the offer or sale of a membership camping contract must be deposited immediately upon receipt in an escrow account maintained by the broker or membership camping operator for that purpose in a bank or an industrial loan and thrift company with deposit liabilities designated by the broker or membership camping operator. The funds must remain in the escrow account, for the benefit of the purchaser, until the expiration of the purchaser's right of rescission as set forth in section 82A.11, subdivision 3. The depository bank must be a Minnesota bank, trust company, or savings association, or a foreign bank which authorizes the commissioner to examine its records of these deposits upon demand by the commissioner. The industrial loan and thrift company must be organized under chapter 53.

Subd. 2. **Membership camping dues.** A membership camping operator or the operator's salesperson shall deposit all membership dues received in an escrow account in a Minnesota bank, trust company, or savings association, a foreign bank which authorizes the commissioner to examine its records of these deposits upon demand by the commissioner, or an industrial loan and thrift company organized under chapter 53 with deposit liabilities. In any calendar year, total dues to be deposited in the escrow may not exceed an amount approved by the commissioner as reasonably needed for that calendar year's maintenance budget submitted by the operator. The operator may draw funds from the escrow as needed provided that funds are expended for purposes identified by the budget.

Subd. 3. **Commingling funds.** A broker, membership camping operator, or salesperson shall deposit only funds specified in subdivisions 1 and 2 in an escrow account and shall not commingle personal funds or other funds in an escrow account; except that a broker, membership camping operator, or salesperson may deposit and maintain a sum not to exceed \$100 in an escrow account from personal funds, which sum must be specifically identified and used to pay service charges relating to the escrow account.

Subd. 4. **Trust account records.** Each broker and membership camping operator shall maintain and retain records of all escrowed funds and escrow accounts.

Subd. 5. **Notice of trust account status.** The names of the banks and industrial loan and thrift companies and the escrow account numbers used by a broker must be provided to the commissioner at the time of application for the broker's license, and those used by the membership camping operator must be provided to the commissioner at the time of application for registration of the membership camping contract. Every broker or membership camping operator shall immediately report to the commissioner any change of escrow account status including changes in banks and industrial loan and thrift companies, account numbers, or additional accounts in the same or other banks and industrial loan and thrift companies. A broker or membership camping operator shall not close an existing escrow account without giving ten days' written notice to the commissioner.

History: 1987 c 154 s 7; 1995 c 202 art 1 s 25