



MANUFACTURED & MODULAR HOME ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

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Support HF 2798: Modernizing Pilot Escort Requirements to Protect Homebuyers

The Problem

Minnesota is the ONLY state in the Midwest that requires peace officer escorts for transporting manufactured homes that may briefly cross the centerline. This outdated policy adds \$1,500 to \$3,000 per home — costs that are passed directly to buyers.

This practice prices out low-income families, disproportionately affects buyers of color, and stands as a barrier to affordable homeownership. Other states safely use certified pilot cars, flaggers, and traffic control plans — without requiring police escorts.

The Solution – HF 2798

HF 2798 gives MnDOT flexibility to:

- Require peace officer escorts when truly necessary
- Approve alternative safety measures like pilot cars and flaggers
- Align escort requirements with national norms

Why It Matters

- A \$3,000 escort fee is 3.5% of a typical single-section manufactured home
- That cost alone can disqualify buyers from FHA or USDA financing
- Over 50% of manufactured home buyers earn under \$50,000
- Over 30% of buyers are people of color
- Manufactured homes are critical to rural, workforce, and climate-friendly housing solutions

What HF 2798 Does NOT Do

- Does NOT eliminate police escorts entirely
- Does NOT compromise safety
- Does NOT remove MnDOT's authority to require Certified Pilot Escorts

HF 2798 is a smart, balanced fix that supports affordable housing, rural communities, and working families — while preserving safety and modernizing Minnesota law.

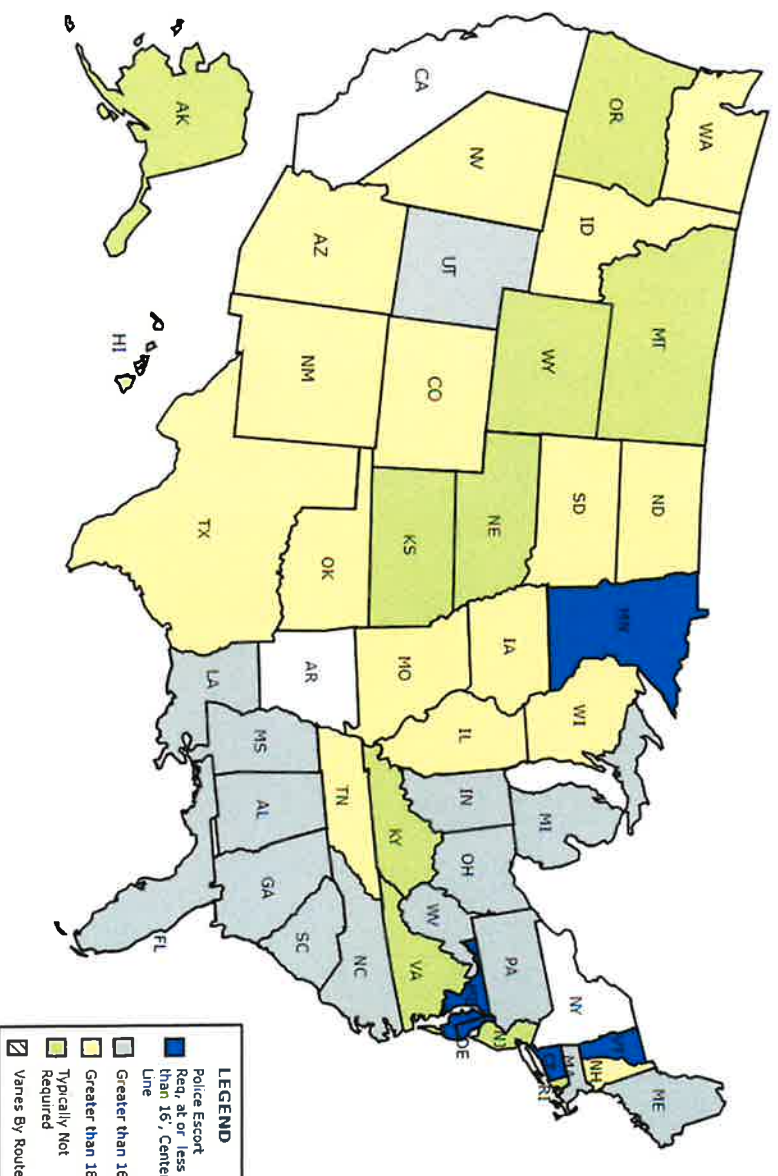
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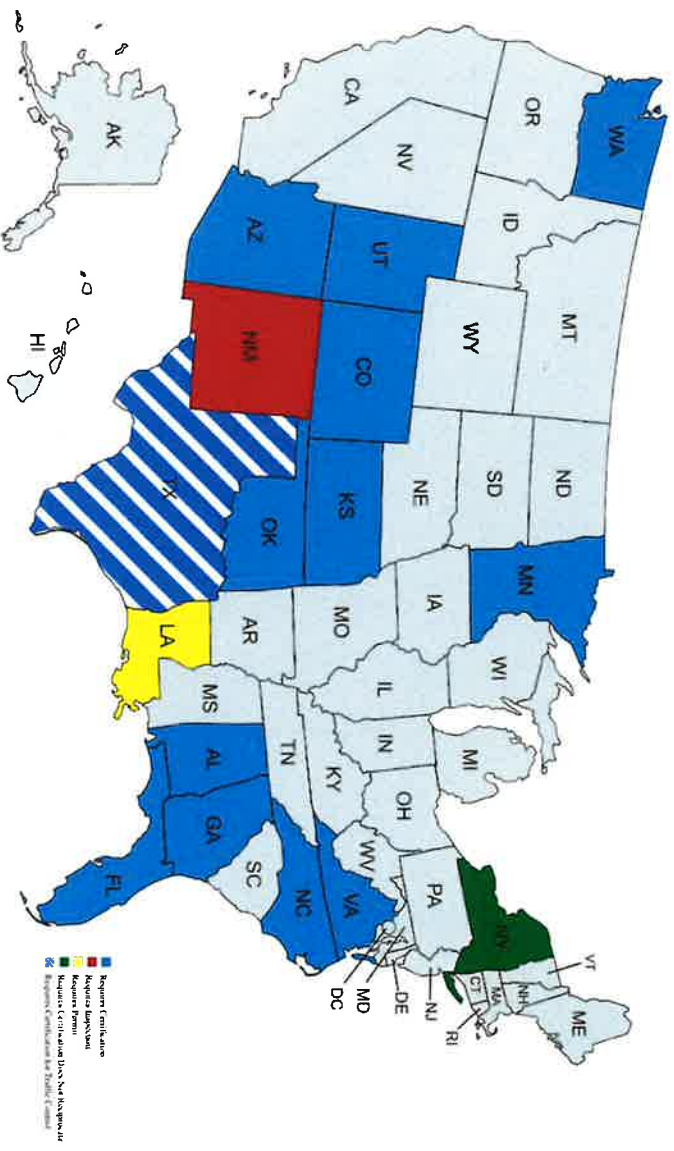
Other State Requirements

- Surrounding states only require 1 to 2 escorts depending on route and size.
- No police escorts required with 900 miles of MN



Certified Pilot/Escort Vehicle Operator (P/EVO)

- MN already required all pilot drivers receive a P/EVO Certification
- P/EVO certification is considered gold standard in industry for training and qualifying safe operators
- Protects the motoring public, state infrastructure and property



Today's Factory-Built Homes

Economic Impact:

- \$1-Billion economic impact on Minnesota's economy.
- Approximately 200,000 Minnesotans reside in manufactured homes.
- Average sales price of a new manufactured home without land; \$71,000.
- Approximately 1,400 manufacturing jobs in Minnesota are related to factory-built homes.
- In Greater Minnesota, factory-built homes play a critical role in economic expansion and the ability to attract new businesses and employees as a source of workforce housing.

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