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Greetings Seasonal Owners:

In 2007, the Legislature set up a working group to investigate how many cabin or hunting shack owners were renting out their properties on an occasional basis and determine if any legislation was needed to ensure public safety, tax compliance and community well-being. MSRPO was appointed to the Committee.

MSRPO knows of only a very few folks who rent out their cabins or hunting shacks. The committee identified some Web sites where a few hundred properties were offered to the public. With over 100,000 seasonal properties in Minnesota, the practice does not seem to be widespread. But for those who do rent out their cabin or hunting shack occasionally, it is a very important source of revenue. And with taxes still rising as the economy worsens, we expect that there may be more people who will offer their places for rent a few weekends a year in an attempt to save an heirloom central to their family.

The committee did discover that there was a lot of confusion both from the public and bureaucrats as to what statutes applied to these occasional rentals.

It is clear that there is need for education on this issue — both to protect folks who occasionally rent out their places, and to prevent the types of problems that could lead to increased regulation of occasional cabin rentals. The laws in place that deal with these occasional rentals are rather complex. Insurance considerations can be tricky. Unscreened renters can destroy property and cause major problems to neighbors. This Committee worked to put together a comprehensive Web site on the issues related to Vacation Home Rentals to help people rent out their cabins or hunting shacks in such a way that they comply with all current laws, respect the rights of their neighbors, and do not risk their properties.

Click [here](#) to learn more about how to safely and legally rent out your cabin or hunting shack.

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