

A bill for an act

relating to building codes; requiring equivalent load-bearing capacity for panels used in agricultural building roofs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 326B.106, by adding a subdivision; 326B.121, subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 326B.106, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 15. **Translucent panels; skylights.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the code must require that translucent panels or other skylights without raised curbs shall be supported to have equivalent load-bearing capacity as the surrounding roof.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 326B.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application.** (a) The State Building Code is the standard that applies statewide for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other structures of the type governed by the code.

(b) The State Building Code supersedes the building code of any municipality.

(c) The State Building Code does not apply to agricultural buildings except:

(1) with respect to state inspections required or rulemaking authorized by sections 103F.141; 216C.19, subdivision 9; and 326B.36; and

(2) translucent panels or other skylights without raised curbs shall be supported to have equivalent load-bearing capacity as the surrounding roof.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.