

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 3964

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/26/2026	6413	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety
04/07/2026	7185a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	7904	Second reading

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to the State Fire Code; requiring the state fire marshal to consider amending

1.3 the fire code to require sealed batteries for smoke alarms in dwelling units.

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

1.5 Section 1. AMENDMENT TO STATE FIRE CODE.

1.6 (a) The state fire marshal, in collaboration with stakeholders and other experts in the

1.7 field, shall consider amending the State Fire Code to require sealed batteries for smoke

1.8 alarms in dwelling units.

1.9 (b) By January 15, 2027, the fire marshal shall come to a decision on whether an

1.10 amendment to the State Fire Code is appropriate and, if so, begin the process to amend the

1.11 code so that the change is implemented in the next revision of the code. The fire marshal

1.12 shall notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with

1.13 jurisdiction over fire safety on the fire marshal's decision after it is reached.