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H. F. No. 4433

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to labor and industry; prohibiting mandatory fire sprinkler installation;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 299F.011, by adding a subdivision;
1.4 326B.809.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 299F.011, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4d. Single-family dwelling; fire sprinklers. (a) The State Building Code, the
1.9 State Fire Code, or a political subdivision of the state by code, by ordinance, as a condition
1.10 of receiving public funding, or in any other way, must not require the installation of fire
1.11 sprinklers, any fire sprinkler system components, or automatic fire-extinguishing equipment
1.12 or devices in any new or existing single-family detached dwelling unit.

1.13 (b) This subdivision does not affect or limit a requirement for smoke or fire detectors,
1.14 alarms, or their components.

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

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 326B.809, is amended to read:

1.17 **326B.809 WRITTEN CONTRACT REQUIRED.**

1.18 (a) All agreements including proposals, estimates, bids, quotations, contracts, purchase
1.19 orders, and change orders between a licensee and a customer for the performance of a
1.20 licensee's services must be in writing and must contain the following:

1.21 (1) a detailed summary of the services to be performed;

2.1 (2) a description of the specific materials to be used or a list of standard features to be
2.2 included; and

2.3 (3) the total contract price or a description of the basis on which the price will be
2.4 calculated.

2.5 (b) Before entering into an agreement, the licensee shall provide a prospective customer
2.6 with written performance guidelines for the services to be performed. Performance guidelines
2.7 also must be included or incorporated by reference in the agreement. All agreements shall
2.8 be signed and dated by the licensee and customer.

2.9 (c) Before entering into an agreement, the licensee shall offer a prospective customer
2.10 the option to install fire sprinklers, any fire sprinkler system components, or automatic
2.11 fire-extinguishing equipment or devices in any new single-family detached dwelling unit.
2.12 The offer must be included or incorporated by reference into the agreement. Agreements
2.13 must be signed and dated by the licensee and customer.

2.14 ~~(e)~~ (d) The licensee shall provide to the customer, at no charge, a signed and dated
2.15 document at the time that the licensee and customer sign and date the document. Documents
2.16 include agreements, performance guidelines, fire sprinkler opt-in forms, and mechanic's
2.17 lien waivers.