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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 792

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- The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform
- 02/16/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance
- 03/01/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy
- 03/07/2017 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
- Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to construction codes; requiring the commissioner to amend rules relating

1.3 to fire sprinklers; prohibiting mandatory installation of automatic fire sprinkler

1.4 systems in certain dwellings and townhouses.

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

1.6 Section 1. **RULEMAKING.**

1.7 The commissioner of labor and industry shall amend Minnesota Rules, part 1309.0313,

1.8 IRC sections R313.1 to R313.3, to establish that one- and two-family dwellings and two-unit

1.9 townhouses are not required to have installed automatic fire sprinkler systems. The

1.10 commissioner may use the exempt provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, except

1.11 that paragraph (b) shall not apply.

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

1.13 Sec. 2. **PROHIBITION.**

1.14 The commissioner of labor and industry shall not require installation of automatic fire

1.15 sprinkler systems for two-unit townhouses under Minnesota Rules, part 1309.0313, IRC

1.16 section R313.1, between the effective date of section 1 and final adoption of a rule that

1.17 amends Minnesota Rules, part 1309.0313, to prohibit mandatory installation of automatic

1.18 fire sprinkler systems for two-unit townhouses.

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