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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to the State Building Code; clarifying building and fire code requirements  
1.3 for public places of accommodation that are rural event centers; authorizing  
1.4 rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326B.108, by adding a  
1.5 subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326B.108, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 5. **Exception.** Notwithstanding this section, a place of public accommodation that  
1.10 is a rural event center otherwise subject to the State Building Code under this section is  
1.11 exempt from any automatic sprinkler protection system requirements except as required in  
1.12 Minnesota Rules, chapter 7511, for an A-3 occupancy, based on the fire area, occupant  
1.13 load, or location of fire area. For purposes of this section, "rural event venue" means a place  
1.14 of public accommodation not located inside an urban area that is rented for money or for  
1.15 the exchange of goods or services and used for the purposes of hosting weddings, receptions,  
1.16 parties, and similar social events.

1.17 Sec. 2. **RURAL EVENT VENUES.**

1.18 The commissioner of public safety must amend Minnesota Rules, chapter 7511, the  
1.19 Minnesota State Fire Code, to reflect that rural event venues are classified as an A-3  
1.20 occupancy use. For purposes of this section, "rural event venue" has the meaning given in  
1.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.108, subdivision 5. The commissioner must use the good  
1.22 cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, to adopt the new  
1.23 rule.

2.1 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.