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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to construction codes; providing a limited exemption.

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

1.4 Section 1. **LIMITED EXEMPTION FROM STATE BUILDING CODE;**
1.5 **REDWOOD COUNTY.**

1.6 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an eligible structure described in
1.7 paragraph (b) shall be exempted from compliance with the following automatic sprinkler
1.8 system provisions:

1.9 (1) the sprinkler system provision of the 2006 edition of the International Building
1.10 Code, section 903.2.1.2, as adopted by the State Building Code; and

1.11 (2) the sprinkler system provision of the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code,
1.12 section 903.2.1.2, as adopted by the State Fire Code.

1.13 (b) An eligible structure is one that:

1.14 (1) is located in Redwood County and is on the property known as the Gilfillan
1.15 Estate;

1.16 (2) is owned by a historical society formed in 1949;

1.17 (3) is currently less than 2,800 square feet in total area with an occupant load of
1.18 fewer than 200 occupants, and, after expansion and renovation, will be less than 7,000
1.19 square feet in total area with an occupant load of fewer than 400 occupants;

1.20 (4) has use and occupancy classification codes of "A-2" and "B" under the 2006
1.21 edition of the International Building Code, as adopted by the State Building Code; and

1.22 (5) was built in 1998.

1.23 (c) For purposes of certification of plans pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section
1.24 326.03, subdivision 1, and Minnesota Rules, chapters 1800 and 1805, if an architecture

2.1 plan of a structure otherwise complies with applicable laws, ordinances, and building
2.2 codes relating to design, any plan relating to a structure described in paragraph (b) that
2.3 does not include plans for an automatic sprinkler system exempted in paragraph (a) shall be
2.4 deemed to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, and building codes relating to design.

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