

**CHAPTER 146—S.F.No. 1477**

*An act relating to construction codes; providing a limited exemption.*

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

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

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

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

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

(b) An eligible structure described in paragraph (c) that is exempt from and does not comply with the automatic sprinkler system provisions described in paragraph (a) shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) the structure must have at least five permanently installed exit doors;

(2) the structure must be equipped with at least two fire extinguishers; and

(3) the structure must be equipped with at least two smoke detectors.

(c) An eligible structure is one that:

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

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

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

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

(5) was built in 1998.

(d) For purposes of certification of plans pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 326.03, subdivision 1, and Minnesota Rules, chapters 1800 and 1805, if an architecture plan of a structure otherwise complies with applicable laws, ordinances, and building codes relating to design, any plan relating to a structure described in paragraph (c) that does not include plans for an automatic sprinkler system exempted in paragraph (a) shall be deemed to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, and building codes relating to design.

(e) The exemption provided in this section expires July 1, 2019.

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

Presented to the governor May 20, 2009

Signed by the governor May 21, 2009, 10:53 a.m.