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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/12/2024	11555	Introduction and first reading Referred to Labor
02/15/2024	11620	Author added Fateh
03/18/2024		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to State and Local Government and Veterans

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to the State Building Code; authorizing expedited rulemaking to modify

1.3 the State Building Code to allow a single exit stairway to serve multifamily

1.4 residential structures under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.5 2022, section 326B.106, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 326B.106, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 18. Minimum number of exit stairways. (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules

1.10 modifying the State Building Code to allow a single exit stairway to serve nontransient

1.11 multifamily residential structures that have an occupiable floor or roof not more than 75

1.12 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

1.13 (b) The rule modifications must:

1.14 (1) specify that the first floor of such buildings may be used for a purpose other than

1.15 residential as long as that use is classified by the State Building Code as a nonhazardous

1.16 occupancy and is served by entrances that are separate from those serving the residential

1.17 floors;

1.18 (2) meet or exceed the model international fire code; and

1.19 (3) require that the fire department primarily responsible for responding to the structure

1.20 meets or exceeds the NFPA 1710, Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire

1.21 Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the

1.22 Public by Career Fire Departments.

- 2.1 In addition, in conducting rulemaking under this subdivision, the commissioner must consider
- 2.2 and incorporate building code safety measures consistent with the Seattle Fire Code.
- 2.3 (c) These modifications must be made by July 1, 2026.
- 2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.