

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. No. 1477

1.2 A bill for an act

1.3 relating to construction codes; providing a limited exemption.

1.4 May 15, 2009

1.5 The Honorable James P. Metzen
1.6 President of the Senate

1.7 The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
1.8 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.9 We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 1477 report that we have agreed upon
1.10 the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.11 That the House recede from its amendments and that S.F. No. 1477 be further
1.12 amended as follows:

1.13 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.1 (c) An eligible structure is one that:

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

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

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

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

2.10 (5) was built in 1998.

2.11 (d) For purposes of certification of plans pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section
2.12 326.03, subdivision 1, and Minnesota Rules, chapters 1800 and 1805, if an architecture
2.13 plan of a structure otherwise complies with applicable laws, ordinances, and building
2.14 codes relating to design, any plan relating to a structure described in paragraph (c) that
2.15 does not include plans for an automatic sprinkler system exempted in paragraph (a) shall be
2.16 deemed to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, and building codes relating to design.

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

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

3.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

3.2 Senate Conferees: (Signed)

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3.4 Dennis Frederickson Gary Kubly

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3.7 House Conferees: (Signed)

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3.9 Marty Seifert Al Juhnke

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3.11 Lyle Koenen