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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3351

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor and Industry Finance and Policy

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. The commissioner shall adopt rules,
1.10 using the expedited rulemaking process in section 14.389, modifying the State Building
1.11 Code to allow a single exit stairway to serve nontransient multifamily residential structures
1.12 that have an occupiable floor or roof not more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire
1.13 department vehicle access. The first floor of such buildings may be used for a purpose other
1.14 than residential as long as that use is classified by the State Building Code as a nonhazardous
1.15 occupancy and is served by entrances that are separate from those serving the residential
1.16 floors. These modifications must include consideration for adequate and available water
1.17 supply for fire sprinkler systems, the presence and response time of a professional fire
1.18 department, and any other provisions necessary to ensure public health, safety, and general
1.19 welfare. These modifications must be made by July 1, 2026.

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