SENATE BILL NO. 129

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR MENARD

Introduced: 2/27/09
Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to state and municipal building code requirements for fire sprinkler systems in certain residential buildings."

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

* Section 1. AS 18.56.300(e)(3) is amended to read:

(3) "state building code" means

(A) for building standards, the standards set out in the version of the Uniform Building Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of that code applicable to buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer than four dwelling units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from the Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2), but subject to AS 18.70.080(c);

(B) for mechanical standards, the standards set out in the version of the Uniform Mechanical Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of that code applicable to buildings used for industrial purposes containing fewer than four dwelling units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from the Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2), but subject to AS 18.70.080(c);

(C) for fire protection standards, the standards set out in the version of the Uniform Fire Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of that code applicable to buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer than four dwelling units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from the Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2), but subject to AS 18.70.080(c);
Safety under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of that code applicable to buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer than four dwelling units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from the Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2);

(C) for plumbing standards, the minimum plumbing code adopted for the state under AS 18.60.705; and

(D) for electrical standards, the minimum electrical standards prescribed by AS 18.60.580.

* Sec. 2. AS 18.70.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) A state agency or public corporation of the state may not, for any purposes, require a sprinkler fire protection system in a single-family residential building or in a residential building with not more than two dwelling units.

* Sec. 3. AS 29.10.200 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(64) AS 29.35.144 (sprinkler fire protection systems).

* Sec. 4. AS 29.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 29.35.144. Sprinkler systems in certain residential buildings. (a) A municipality may not, for any purpose, require a sprinkler fire protection system in a single-family residential building or in a residential building with not more than two dwelling units.

(b) This section applies to home rule and general law municipalities.