

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1210

Introduced by

Representatives Froseth, Brandenburg, Ekstrom, S. Kelsh

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-21.3 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to recognition of third-party building, electrical, fire, and plumbing
3 inspections for modular residential and commercial structures.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** If Senate Bill No. 2032 of the fifty-seventh legislative assembly does not
6 become effective, a new section to chapter 54-21.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Modular residential and commercial structures - Third-party inspections - Rules.**

9 The manufacturer of a modular residential or commercial structure that is built in a factory may
10 contract with a third party for the inspection of the structure for compliance with all applicable
11 building, electrical, fire, and plumbing codes and standards during the manufacturing process in
12 the factory. A third party that conducts inspections and certifies compliance with all applicable
13 codes and standards must be approved as a certified third-party inspector by the director of the
14 office of management and budget. The director of the office of management and budget shall
15 adopt rules for the certification of inspectors and for the procedures to be followed in
16 conducting inspections of modular residential and commercial structures. If a manufacturer of
17 modular residential or commercial structures contracts with a certified third-party inspector to
18 monitor compliance with all applicable building, electrical, fire, and plumbing codes and
19 standards for a modular residential or commercial structure, no further inspection by state or
20 local building, electrical, fire, or plumbing inspectors may be required for that structure during
21 the manufacturing process in the factory.

22 **SECTION 2.** If Senate Bill No. 2032 of the fifty-seventh legislative assembly becomes
23 effective, a new section to chapter 54-21.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
24 enacted as follows:

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4 building, electrical, fire, and plumbing codes and standards during the manufacturing process in
5 the factory. A third party that conducts inspections and certifies compliance with all applicable
6 codes and standards must be approved as a certified third-party inspector by the division of
7 community services. The department of commerce shall adopt rules for the certification of
8 inspectors and for the procedures to be followed in conducting inspections of modular
9 residential and commercial structures. If a manufacturer of modular residential or commercial
10 structures contracts with a certified third-party inspector to monitor compliance with all
11 applicable building, electrical, fire, and plumbing codes and standards for a modular residential
12 or commercial structure, no further inspection by state or local building, electrical, fire, or
13 plumbing inspectors may be required for that structure during the manufacturing process in the
14 factory.