

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Potter

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 18-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the state fire code.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **18-01-04. Rules for prevention of fires to be issued.** The state fire marshal, under  
7 the supervision of the attorney general, shall make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of  
8 this code for the prevention of fires and shall explain such rules fully to all state, county, and  
9 municipal boards and officers. All such rules must be posted in such conspicuous places as will  
10 tend to be of the greatest benefit to the residents of the state, and when called upon, the state  
11 fire marshal or one of the state fire marshal's assistants shall appear before any public board  
12 and explain the benefits derived from compliance with such rules and regulations in the  
13 reduction of hazardous conditions and loss by fire. The state fire marshall shall adopt rules to  
14 provide a procedure through which the state fire marshall may approve a request for an  
15 exemption from the state fire code to allow the temporary occupancy of a structure that is a  
16 restoration or reconstruction of a historical structure. The rules must provide fire safety  
17 procedures and methods that are consistent with the historical nature of the structure.