

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1427

Introduced by

Representatives Guggisberg, Beadle, Hanson

Senators Armstrong, Flakoll

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 18-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to review of fire sprinkler system plans.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 18-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Fire sprinkler plan review - ~~Local regulation~~ - Permits.**

7 ~~1. A city, county, or township that administers and enforces a building code may adopt~~
8 ~~and enforce ordinances regulating the design, sale, installation, and modification of fire~~
9 ~~sprinkler systems, implement fire sprinkler plan review requirements, and impose a fee~~
10 ~~for the issuance of a permit to install or modify fire sprinkler systems.~~

11 2.1. If a fire sprinkler system contractor performs services in a building that is located in a
12 city, county, or township that does not regulate the design, ~~sale,~~ installation, or
13 modification of fire sprinkler systems and the project ~~scope exceeds twenty sprinkler~~
14 ~~heads or~~ has a total cost of two thousand five hundred dollars ~~or more,~~ the contractor
15 shall submit the plans for the project to the state fire marshal for review and request
16 the issuance of a permit from the state fire marshal before commencing work on the
17 project.

18 2. If authorized by the attorney general, the state fire marshal may contract to provide fire
19 sprinkler plan review and site inspection services to a city, county, or township that
20 regulates the design, installation, or modification of fire sprinkler systems.

21 3. The state fire marshal shall charge a fire sprinkler system contractor a fee equal to the
22 hourly rate established by the attorney general for services provided by the state fire
23 marshal to cover costs for any fire sprinkler project review undertaken under
24 ~~subsection 2~~ this section.

- 1 4. Upon completion of any fire sprinkler system ~~project subject to~~ review under
2 ~~subsection 2~~this section, the contractor shall arrange for an inspection by the state fire
3 marshal of the project to verify that the project is in compliance with ~~applicable codes~~
4 ~~and meets national fire protection association standards~~the state building code, and
5 the contractor shall submit a signed contractor's material and test certificate.
- 6 5. This section does not affect the provision under subsection 4 of section 54-21.3-03
7 which prohibits a city, township, or county from including in a building code any
8 requirement that fire sprinklers be installed in a single family dwelling or a residential
9 building that contains no more than two dwelling units.