

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE BILL NO. 2361
(Senators Lyson, Hogue)
(Representatives Hatlestad, Sukut)

AN ACT to create and enact two new subsections to section 54-21.3-02 and a new section to chapter 54-21.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions under the State Building Code and used temporary work camp housing exemptions; to amend and reenact section 54-21.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to applicability of the State Building Code to other state or local government codes; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Two new subsections to section 54-21.3-02 of the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows:

"Temporary work camp housing" includes a modular residential structure used to house workers on a temporary basis for a maximum period of five years.

"Code enforcement agency" means an agency of the state or local government with authority to inspect buildings and enforce the law, ordinances, and regulations which establish standards and requirements applicable to the construction, installation, alteration, repair, or relocation of buildings.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-21.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-21.3-04. Exemptions.

1. ~~The~~Except as specifically provided in this chapter, the following statewide codes are exempt from this chapter:
 - a. The Standards for Electrical Wiring and Equipment, as contained in North Dakota Administrative Code article 24-02.
 - b. The State Plumbing Code, as contained in North Dakota Administrative Code article 62-03.
 - c. The State Fire Code, as contained in the rules of the state fire marshal as provided in section 18-01-04.
2. The following buildings are exempt from this chapter:
 - a. Buildings which are neither heated nor cooled.
 - b. Buildings used whose peak design rate of energy usage is less than one watt per square foot [929.0304 square centimeters] or three and four-tenths British thermal units an hour per square foot [929.0304 square centimeters] of floor area.
 - c. Restored or reconstructed buildings deliberately preserved beyond their normal term of use because of historical associations, architectural interests, or public policy, or buildings otherwise qualified as a pioneer building, historical site, state monument, or other similar designation pursuant to state or local law.

3. Any building used for agricultural purposes, unless a place of human habitation or for use by the public, is exempt from this chapter.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 54-21.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Used temporary work camp housing - Exemption.

State or local government code enforcement agencies may allow exemptions or accept alternate methods for construction and placement of temporary work camp housing that has been previously used as housing or temporary work camp housing in a different location, provided that the waiver does not substantially compromise the health or safety of workers. This authority is granted to code enforcement agencies enforcing the State Building Code, the State Electrical Code, and the State Plumbing Code when acting within their existing jurisdiction. This section does not apply to newly constructed temporary work camp housing.

1. State or local government code enforcement agencies, acting within their existing jurisdiction, may conduct a nondestructive walkthrough inspection of previously used temporary work camp housing to ensure compliance with applicable codes, including the State Building Code, State Electrical Code, and State Plumbing Code. If the housing is found to be compliant with these codes, or to not substantially compromise the health or safety of workers pursuant to a waiver under this section, the code enforcement agency may issue a limited certificate of inspection, which is effective for a period of five years. Residents may not be permitted to move into or live in temporary work camp housing unless the housing has a current limited certificate of inspection or has been found to meet all applicable codes and requirements by any code enforcement agency having jurisdiction.
2. The applicable codes, including the State Building Code, the State Electrical Code, and the State Plumbing Code, are applicable as a standard for liability in legal actions against owners or operators of temporary work camp housing if exemptions are granted.
3. An owner of temporary work camp housing has the duty to remove that housing and all related above-grade and below-grade infrastructure within one hundred twenty days after the temporary work camp housing is vacated. Any city or county may abate any public nuisance caused by vacated temporary work camp housing within its jurisdiction. An owner of temporary work camp housing shall provide the city or county where the temporary work camp housing is installed with a surety bond, letter of credit, or other security instrument in the form and in an amount specified by the city or county. These funds must be used to cover actual expenses that may be incurred by the city or county in removal of the temporary work camp housing, including any above-grade or below-grade infrastructure. The owner is liable for any expenses that are reasonably incurred by the city or county which exceed the amount of the security.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2361 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 1 Absent 0

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 0 Absent 5

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State