

A bill for an act  
relating to State Fire Code; prohibiting sprinkler requirements in single-family dwellings; requiring licensee offer of option to install fire sprinklers before entering into certain written contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 299F.011, by adding a subdivision; 326B.809.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 299F.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4d. **Single-family dwelling; fire sprinklers.** (a) The State Building Code, the State Fire Code, or a political subdivision of the state by code, by ordinance, as a condition of receiving public funding, or in any other way, must not require the installation of fire sprinklers, any fire sprinkler system components, or automatic fire-extinguishing equipment or devices in any new or existing single-family detached dwelling unit.

(b) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to affect or limit a requirement for smoke or fire detectors, alarms, or their components.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 326B.809, is amended to read:

**326B.809 WRITTEN CONTRACT REQUIRED.**

(a) All agreements including proposals, estimates, bids, quotations, contracts, purchase orders, and change orders between a licensee and a customer for the performance of a licensee's services must be in writing and must contain the following:

(1) a detailed summary of the services to be performed;

(2) a description of the specific materials to be used or a list of standard features to be included; and

(3) the total contract price or a description of the basis on which the price will be calculated.

(b) Before entering into an agreement, the licensee shall provide a prospective customer with written performance guidelines for the services to be performed. Performance guidelines also must be included or incorporated by reference in the agreement. All agreements shall be signed and dated by the licensee and customer.

(c) Before entering into an agreement, the licensee shall offer a prospective customer the option to install fire sprinklers, any fire sprinkler system components, or automatic fire-extinguishing equipment or devices in any new single-family detached dwelling unit. The offer shall be included or incorporated by reference in the agreement. All agreements shall be signed and dated by the licensee and customer.

~~(c)~~ (d) The licensee shall provide to the customer, at no charge, a signed and dated document at the time that the licensee and customer sign and date the document. Documents include agreements, performance guidelines, fire sprinkler opt-in forms, and mechanic's lien waivers.