

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2354  
(Senators Krebsbach, Bakke, Fischer)  
(Representatives Conrad, Hawken, Martinson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-21.3-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state and local building codes.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-21.3-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-21.3-03. State building code.**

1. The department of commerce, in cooperation with the state building code advisory committee, shall adopt rules to implement, amend, and periodically update the state building code, which must consist of the international building, residential, mechanical, and fuel gas codes.
2. The state building code advisory committee consists of:
  - a. Two representatives appointed by the North Dakota building officials association, one of whom must be from a jurisdiction of fewer than ten thousand people.
  - b. One representative appointed by the North Dakota chapter of the American institute of architects.
  - c. One representative appointed by the North Dakota society of professional engineers.
  - d. One representative appointed by the North Dakota association of builders.
  - e. One representative appointed by the North Dakota association of mechanical contractors.
  - f. One representative appointed by the associated general contractors.
  - g. A fire marshal appointed by the state fire marshal.
  - h. One individual appointed by the state electrical board.
3. The state building code advisory committee shall meet with the department of commerce or a designee of the commissioner of commerce at least once each calendar year to address proposed amendments to the state building code. The department of commerce may not adopt an amendment to the state building code unless the amendment is approved by a majority vote of:
  - a. One representative appointed by the North Dakota chapter of the American institute of architects;
  - b. One representative appointed by the North Dakota society of professional engineers;
  - c. One representative appointed by the North Dakota association of builders;
  - d. One representative appointed by the North Dakota association of mechanical contractors;

- e. One representative appointed by the associated general contractors; and
  - f. Representatives of eligible jurisdictions as established by administrative rule.
4. Neither the state building code nor a building code adopted by a city, township, or county may include a requirement that fire sprinklers be installed in a single family dwelling or a residential building that contains no more than two dwelling units.
  5. For the purposes of manufactured homes, the state building code consists of the manufactured homes construction and safety standards under 24 CFR 3280 adopted pursuant to the Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act [42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.].
  - ~~5.~~ 6. The governing body of a city, township, or county that elects to administer and enforce a building code shall adopt and enforce the state building code. However, the state building code may be amended by cities, townships, and counties to conform to local needs.
  - ~~6.~~ 7. A modular residential structure or a prebuilt home placed in the state must be constructed in compliance with the state building code. A modular residential structure or a prebuilt home placed in a jurisdiction that has amended the state building code must be constructed in compliance with the state building code and the amendments adopted by that jurisdiction.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2354.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46        Nays    0        Absent    1

House Vote:    Yeas    91        Nays    2        Absent    1

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009,  
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Secretary of State