

**SENATE BILL NO. 129**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR MENARD**

**Introduced: 2/27/09**

**Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs, Labor and Commerce**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to state and municipal building code requirements for fire sprinkler**  
2 **systems in certain residential buildings."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 18.56.300(e)(3) is amended to read:

5 (3) "state building code" means

6 (A) for building standards, the standards set out in the version  
7 of the Uniform Building Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety  
8 under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of that code applicable to  
9 buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer than four dwelling  
10 units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from the Department of  
11 Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2), **but subject to**  
12 **AS 18.70.080(c)**;

13 (B) for mechanical standards, the standards set out in the  
14 version of the Uniform Mechanical Code adopted by the Department of Public

1 Safety under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of that code applicable to  
2 buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer than four dwelling  
3 units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from the Department of  
4 Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2);

5 (C) for plumbing standards, the minimum plumbing code  
6 adopted for the state under AS 18.60.705; and

7 (D) for electrical standards, the minimum electrical standards  
8 prescribed by AS 18.60.580.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.70.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (c) A state agency or public corporation of the state may not, for any purposes,  
11 require a sprinkler fire protection system in a single-family residential building or in a  
12 residential building with not more than two dwelling units.

13 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 29.10.200 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

14 (64) AS 29.35.144 (sprinkler fire protection systems).

15 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 29.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 **Sec. 29.35.144. Sprinkler systems in certain residential buildings.** (a) A  
17 municipality may not, for any purpose, require a sprinkler fire protection system in a  
18 single-family residential building or in a residential building with not more than two  
19 dwelling units.

20 (b) This section applies to home rule and general law municipalities.