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Chair Latz and members of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee,

The state fire marshal supports repeal of the outdated fire safety measures in 325F.02, 325F.03, 325F.04, 325F.05, 325F.06, and 325F.07, as presented in SF1578. Original adoption of these statutes pre-dates the adoption of the Minnesota Uniform Fire Code in 1975. The uniform fire code was replaced with the Minnesota State Fire Code in 2003 and has been updated on a regular frequency since then. The regular review and adoption of the fire code allows for modern practices, data analytics, and technology to be incorporated into fire safety measures. The Minnesota State Fire Code (MSFC), which can be found in administrative rule 7511, includes requirements that either meet or exceed the fire safety measures included in the statutes to be repealed. Repeal of these statutes not only eliminates outdated safety measures, but also eliminates conflicting language between statute and the building and fire codes.

Pertaining to the manufacture and storage of matches (325F.02), the MSFC includes provisions on when a fire protection system (i.e., fire sprinklers) is required and what type of system is required. The design of the sprinkler system must be based on the proposed storage of boxes/items, as required by code.

The MSFC also includes provisions on the flame resistance requirements of tents (325F.03 and 325F.04) and requires approval from the fire code official if to be used for a special event or and outdoor assembly function.

Finally, the MSFC includes provisions on penalties and liability for violations (325F.05, 325F.06, and 325F.07).

I am happy to discuss further with the members of the committee if there are any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Krier".

Daniel Krier
State Fire Marshal