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I have several concerns with the current proposed bill:

- It currently does not address which standards would be followed (IRC P2904, NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, NFPA 13D)
- There are licensing issues with the DCP for residential sprinkler systems, plumbers cannot install the sprinkler fittings and heads and the sprinkler contractor cannot install the multi-purpose piping that will serve domestic water needs. The model building code has language addressing residential systems; however, Codes and Standards Committee has removed the requirements in the current code being reviewed due to the licensing issues and concerns with the water purveyors.
- With language in the statute there is no means for modifications or appeals to the building code. Also technology changes on a daily basis and alternate means of construction could afford the same level of safety.
- As it is worded I would interpret that a family wishing to convert a basement into a family room or that wishes to construct an addition onto an existing home would be required to provide an automatic fire extinguishing system throughout the entire house.

I recommend that this bill be repealed and allow the code adoption process to incorporate the requirements for an automatic fire extinguishing system.

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