

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS DIVISION

In the Matter of Proposed Rule
on Adoption of the National
Electrical Code 1987 Edition

STATEMENT OF NEED AND
REASONABLENESS

The Minnesota State Building Code Chapter 1300 includes the adoption of current model codes and amendments to these model codes. One of these model codes is the National Electrical Code (ANSI/NFPA 70) copyright National Fire Protection Association, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Mass., that provides for electrical design and construction. The National Electrical Code is updated and printed every three years.

The Minnesota Electrical Act MN Stats. 326.243 Safety Standards: requires that the "most recently published edition of the National Electrical Code as approved by the United States of America Standards Institute and the National Electrical Safety Code as issued by the National Bureau of Standards shall be prima facie evidence of accepted standards of construction for safety to life and property.....Minnesota building code shall also constitute compliance with the section...." Therefore the new 1987 edition is the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code and must be incorporated into the Minnesota State Building Code. Authorization for building code adoption of the National Electrical Code is provided in MN Stats. Sec. 16B.64.

The 1987 Edition of the Minnesota State Building Code (Chapter 1300) presently contains the 1984 National Electrical Code by reference and specifies amendments to the 1984 National Electrical Code. The proposed adoption of the 1987 NEC is sufficient in content so that the previous amendments are to be repealed with the adoption of the 1987 National Electrical Code.

Adopting the 1987 Edition of the National Electrical Code complies with the intent of MN Stats. Sec. 16B.64 and Sec. 326.243, for the safety of Minnesota citizens.

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