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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to building codes; modifying requirement for window fall prevention  
1.3 devices; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 326B.106, subdivision 7.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 326B.106, subdivision 7, is amended to  
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 7. **Window fall prevention device code.** The commissioner of labor and  
1.8 industry shall adopt rules for window fall prevention devices as part of the State Building  
1.9 Code. Window fall prevention devices include, but are not limited to, safety screens,  
1.10 hardware, guards, and other devices that comply with the standards established by the  
1.11 commissioner of labor and industry. The rules shall require compliance with standards  
1.12 for window fall prevention devices developed by ASTM International, contained in the  
1.13 International Building Code as the model language with amendments deemed necessary to  
1.14 coordinate with the other adopted building codes in Minnesota. The rules shall establish a  
1.15 scope that includes the applicable building occupancies, and the types, locations, and sizes  
1.16 of windows that will require the installation of fall devices. The rules shall not apply to  
1.17 windows with a sill bottom of more than 22 inches above the finished floor. The rules will  
1.18 be effective July 1, 2009. The commissioner shall report to the legislature on the status of  
1.19 the rulemaking on or before February 15, 2008.

1.20 Sec. 2. **BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT.**

1.21 The commissioner of labor and industry shall amend the building code at its next  
1.22 revision to comply with section 1.