



2013 SENATE BILL 689

March 21, 2014 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representative MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Insurance and Housing.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 101.659 of the statutes; **relating to:** the applicability of laws
2 regulating the construction of one- and two-family dwellings to dwellings that
3 are occupied by members of certain bona fide religious denominations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any one- or two-family dwelling for which initial construction began on or after December 1, 1978, must comply with the one- and two-family dwelling code and other statutory requirements that apply to such dwellings. Under current law, the Department of Safety and Professional Services promulgates rules implementing this code, which includes standards for construction, heating, and ventilation. The state electrical and plumbing codes promulgated by DSPPS are incorporated by reference into this dwelling code. One- and two-family dwellings for which initial construction began before December 1, 1978 are not covered by these statutes or the dwelling code but are covered by the state electrical and plumbing codes.

Under this bill, an owner or occupant of a one- or two-family dwelling is exempt from complying with any provision of a statute or rule that applies to one- and two-family dwellings if all of the occupants of the dwelling are members of a bona fide religious denomination that, as part of its teachings or beliefs, prohibits compliance with the provision.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

