

**137C.35 Bed and breakfast homes and inns.**

1. [This chapter](#) does not apply to bed and breakfast homes as defined in [section 137F.1](#). However, a bed and breakfast home shall have a smoke detector in proper working order in each sleeping room and a fire extinguisher in proper working order on each floor. A bed and breakfast home which does not receive its drinking water from a public water supply shall have its drinking water tested at least annually by the state hygienic laboratory or the local board of health.

2. A bed and breakfast inn is subject to regulation, licensing, and inspection under [this chapter](#), but separate toilet and lavatory facilities shall not be required for each guest room. Additionally, a bed and breakfast inn is exempt from fire safety rules adopted pursuant to [section 10A.523](#) and applicable to hotels, but is subject to fire safety rules which the director shall specifically adopt for bed and breakfast inns.

3. A violation of [this section](#) is punishable as provided in [section 137C.28](#).

[86 Acts, ch 1041, §3](#)

[C87, §170B.20](#)

[87 Acts, ch 202, §3](#)

[CS87, §170B.21](#)

[88 Acts, ch 1060, §1; 90 Acts, ch 1204, §66](#)

[C91, §137C.35](#)

[98 Acts, ch 1162, §4, 30; 99 Acts, ch 32, §1; 2018 Acts, ch 1041, §45; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1621](#)

Subsection 2 amended