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SYNOPSIS

Requires installation of grab bars in certain public restrooms.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning accessible public restrooms and supplementing
2 P.L.1971, c.269 (C.52:32-4 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 "Substantial renovation" means a construction or renovation
9 project requiring a building permit and where the value of the
10 renovation to the restroom exceeds \$5,000.

11 b. Any public building that maintains public restrooms shall
12 equip its restrooms with grab bars, which shall be reachable by a
13 person of average height, in order to assist the person in
14 maneuvering in or out of the restroom's toilet stalls, in accordance
15 with the following:

16 (1) In a public restroom containing not less than three but not
17 more than four toilet stalls, at least two toilet stalls shall be
18 equipped with grab bars.

19 (2) In a public restroom containing not less than five but not
20 more than nine toilet stalls, at least three toilet stalls shall be
21 equipped with grab bars.

22 (3) In a public restroom containing not less than 10 but not more
23 than 15 toilet stalls, at least six toilet stalls shall be equipped with
24 grab bars.

25 (4) In a public restroom containing 16 or more toilet stalls, at
26 least one-third of the restroom's toilet stalls shall be equipped with
27 grab bars.

28 c. The installation of grab bars shall be made in accordance
29 with the barrier free subcode, adopted pursuant to the "State
30 Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119
31 et seq.) and shall be a requirement upon the effective date of
32 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill); provided,
33 however, this section shall be enforced only under the following
34 circumstances:

35 (1) When there is construction of a new restroom.

36 (2) When there is substantial renovation of a restroom.

37 d. Each toilet stall equipped with grab bars shall be identified
38 with a clearly visible sign displaying the International Symbol of
39 Access.

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill would require a minimum number of toilet stalls
47 equipped with grab bars in any newly constructed public restroom
48 maintained in public buildings within the State. It would also

1 require any public building to install a minimum number of grab
2 bars during renovations to existing restrooms, costing \$5,000 or
3 more. A restroom containing between three and four toilet stalls
4 would be required to have at least two toilet stalls equipped with
5 grab bars. A restroom containing between five and nine toilet stalls
6 would be required to have at least three toilet stalls equipped with
7 grab bars. A restroom containing between 10 and 15 toilet stalls
8 would be required to have at least six toilet stalls equipped with
9 grab bars. Restrooms with 16 or more toilet stalls would be
10 required to have at least one-third of the restroom's toilet stalls
11 equipped with grab bars. A clearly visible sign displaying the
12 International Symbol of Access must identify any toilet stall
13 containing grab bars.