



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 281**

LCO No. 1640

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Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**AN ACT REQUIRING STATE BUILDINGS TO COMPLY WITH THE  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT BY 2018.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (m) of section 4b-23 of the 2012 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (m) (1) Plans to construct, renovate or modify state-owned or  
5 occupied buildings shall provide for a portion of the total planned  
6 floor area of newly constructed state buildings or buildings  
7 constructed specifically for use by the state to be served by renewable  
8 sources of energy, including solar, wind, water and biomass sources,  
9 for use in space heating and cooling, domestic hot water and other  
10 applications. For the plan due December 1, 1979, the portion to be  
11 served by renewable energy sources shall be not less than five per cent  
12 of total planned new floor area. For each succeeding state facilities  
13 plan submitted after December 1, 1979, the portion of the total planned  
14 floor area of any additional newly constructed state buildings or  
15 buildings constructed specifically for use by the state to be served by  
16 renewable energy sources shall be increased by at least five per cent

17 per year until a goal of fifty per cent of total planned floor area of any  
18 additional newly constructed state buildings or buildings constructed  
19 specifically for use by the state is reached. For any facility served by  
20 renewable energy sources in accordance with this subsection, not less  
21 than thirty per cent of the total energy requirements of any specific  
22 energy application, including, but not limited to, space heating or  
23 cooling and providing domestic hot water, shall be provided by  
24 renewable energy sources. The installation in newly constructed state  
25 buildings or buildings constructed specifically for use by the state of  
26 systems using renewable energy sources in accordance with this  
27 subsection [,] shall be subject to the life-cycle cost analysis provided for  
28 in section 16a-38.

29 (2) On and after January 1, 2018, any plan to construct, renovate or  
30 modify state-owned or occupied buildings shall comply with the  
31 physical accessibility guidelines under Title II of the federal Americans  
32 with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 USC 12101, as amended from time to  
33 time.

34 [(2)] (3) The state shall fulfill the obligations imposed by subdivision  
35 (1) of this section unless such action would cause an undue economic  
36 hardship to the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4b-23(m)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require state buildings to meet the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act by 2018.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*