



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5541***

LCO No. 2401



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES THAT EXCEED ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Public  
2 Health shall establish a pilot program to incentivize privately owned  
3 businesses in the state to upgrade their facilities with equipment that  
4 exceeds the standards for accessible design developed pursuant to the  
5 provisions of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as  
6 amended from time to time. The pilot program shall include, but need  
7 not be limited to, incentives for such businesses to install automatically  
8 activated doors in at least one of their primary entrances to provide  
9 access to persons with physical disabilities. The Commissioner of  
10 Public Health shall develop criteria for acceptance into the pilot  
11 program and select not less than five businesses to participate in such  
12 program. The pilot program may be funded by state and private  
13 moneys.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Commissioner of Public

15 Health shall submit a report in accordance with the provisions of  
16 section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing committee of  
17 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
18 public health that details: (1) The number of businesses participating in  
19 the pilot program; (2) the incentives provided to such businesses to  
20 upgrade their facilities; (3) the types of upgrades performed by such  
21 businesses; and (4) any recommendations to expand the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To incentivize privately owned businesses to upgrade their facilities to exceed the standards for accessible design developed pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

*[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.]*