
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6573 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING TABLES IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the state building inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee, jointly, and with the administrative service commissioner's approval, to include in the next proposed revision to the State Building Code a requirement that certain buildings have at least one safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing table. The requirement for the next proposed revision applies to the following:

1. certain newly constructed or substantially renovated public buildings (e.g., state, municipal, religious, and educational buildings); or
2. places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement (i.e., those that cater to or offer services, facilities, or goods to the general public).

More specifically, if the building or place of public accommodation, resort, or amusement has at least one public restroom, then on each floor that is open to the public it must have at least (1) one changing table that is accessible to both women and men or (2) two changing tables, with one accessible to women and one accessible to men.

With certain exceptions, federal law already requires that public restrooms in federal buildings have safe and sanitary baby changing facilities (40 U.S.C. § 3314).

*House Amendment "A" requires the (1) state building inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to include the requirement on diaper changing tables in the next proposed revision to the State

Building Code, rather than requiring them to revise the State Building Code by January 1, 2024; and (2) revision to apply to places of accommodation, resort, or amusement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

PUBLIC BUILDING

Under the bill, “public buildings” include (1) any statehouse, courthouse, townhouse, arsenal, magazine, prison, community correctional center, almshouse, market, or other building that belongs to the state or any of its towns, cities, or boroughs; (2) any church, chapel, meetinghouse, or other building generally used for religious worship; or (3) any college, academy, schoolhouse, or other building generally used for literary instruction.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 6 (02/24/2023)