
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6573

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 to revise the State Building Code to require certain newly constructed or substantially renovated public buildings (e.g., state, municipal, religious, and educational buildings) to have at least one safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing table. More specifically, if the building 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.

The bill requires the inspector and the committee to complete this revision by January 1, 2024, with the Department of Administrative Services commissioner's approval.

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).

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)