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House Bill No. 6573
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 8, 2023

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING TABLES IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The State Building Inspector
2 and the Codes and Standards Committee shall jointly, with the approval
3 of the Commissioner of Administrative Services and in accordance with
4 the provisions of section 29-252b of the general statutes, include in the
5 next proposed revision to the State Building Code undertaken pursuant
6 to section 29-252 of the general statutes, a requirement that each new
7 construction or substantial renovation of a public building, as defined
8 in section 1-1 of the general statutes, or place of public accommodation,
9 resort or amusement, as defined in section 46a-63 of the general statutes,
10 that includes at least one restroom that is open to the public provide on
11 each floor level that is open to the public (1) at least one baby diaper
12 changing table that is accessible to men and at least one baby diaper
13 changing table that is accessible to women, or (2) at least one baby
14 diaper changing table that is accessible to both men and women. Each

- 15 baby diaper changing table included pursuant to this section shall be
- 16 safe, sanitary and convenient.

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

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various State Agencies	Various - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: Various=Various

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill is estimated to result in a minimal cost to state and municipal construction and renovation projects from requiring baby changing stations be included in public buildings, effective with the next revision of the State Building Code. The cost per baby changing station is estimated to be between \$300 to \$1,500 with potential additional costs associated with adjusting the existing construction to incorporate a changing station. There are already other provisions within state and federal law requiring baby changing stations to be built in single-user bathroom and within federal buildings.

House "A" changes the effective date of the underlying bill from January 1, 2024, to being included in the next revision to the State Building Code. This will result in a potential minimal cost to the state and municipalities in FY 24 to the extent more projects are affected by the revision to the code.

House "A" also expands the buildings subject to the change in

building code to include public buildings which has no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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)