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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 28, 1992

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 17, 1990 (P.L.742, No.185),
2 entitled "An act providing for restrooms in facilities where
3 the public congregates; and requiring that restroom
4 facilities be provided for women on an equitable basis,"
5 further providing for the definition of "facilities where the
6 public congregates"; and requiring diaper changing areas in
7 men's AND WOMEN'S restrooms. <—

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The title and section 1 of the act of December
11 17, 1990 (P.L.742, No.185), entitled, "An act providing for
12 restrooms in facilities where the public congregates; and
13 requiring that restroom facilities be provided for women on an
14 equitable basis," are amended to read:

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16 Providing for restrooms in facilities where the public
17 congregates; [and] requiring that restroom facilities be
18 provided for women on an equitable basis; and requiring
19 diaper changing areas in men's AND WOMEN'S restrooms. <—

1 Section 1. Statement of purpose.

2 The purpose of this act is to end the inequitable delays
3 which women face when they need to use restroom facilities in
4 public places when men are rarely required to wait for the same
5 purpose and to facilitate changing of infants' diapers by men
6 AND WOMEN in restroom facilities. <—

7 Section 2. The definition of "facilities where the public
8 congregates" in section 2 of the act is amended to read:

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Facilities where the public congregates." Sports and
15 entertainment arenas, stadiums, community and convention halls,
16 specialty event centers, amusement facilities, ski resorts,
17 public airports and public middle schools and high schools. The
18 term includes specialty event centers in public parks.

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20 Section 3. Section 3 of the act is amended to read:

21 Section 3. Restroom requirements.

22 (a) Number of water closets and lavatories.--Publicly and
23 privately owned facilities where the public congregates shall be
24 equipped with sufficient temporary or permanent restrooms to
25 meet the needs of the public at peak hours. More water closets
26 and lavatories shall be provided for women than for men by a
27 ratio determined by the department. Facilities shall conform
28 with and be approved by the department in accordance with the
29 provisions of the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299),
30 referred to as the Fire and Panic Act.

1 (b) Diaper changing area.--

2 (1) Water closets and lavatories for men AND WOMEN in <—
3 facilities where the public congregates shall contain an area
4 designed and devoted exclusively for the changing of diapers
5 or similar garments worn by infants.

6 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to public middle
7 schools and high schools.

8 Section 4. This act shall apply to facilities where
9 construction or renovation commences on or after the effective
10 date of this act.

11 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 120 days.