

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND COLLETT, AUGUST 1, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), entitled
2 "An act establishing a uniform construction code; imposing
3 powers and duties on municipalities and the Department of
4 Labor and Industry; providing for enforcement; imposing
5 penalties; and making repeals," in Uniform Construction Code,
6 providing for changing stations in public buildings or
7 facilities.

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

10 Section 1. The act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45),
11 known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, is amended by
12 adding a section to read:

13 Section 306. Changing stations in public buildings or
14 facilities.

15 (a) Installation and maintenance.--An individual, agency,
16 corporation, partnership, company, organization, association or
17 other business entity that owns or manages a public building or
18 facility, a State-owned building or a health care facility shall
19 install and maintain at least one adult changing station for
20 persons with disabilities or special health care issues or the

1 elderly. Each changing station shall be accessible to both men
2 and women when the public building or facility is open to the
3 public and any of the following conditions are met:

4 (1) The public building or facility, State-owned
5 building or health care facility is constructed on or after
6 the date which is two years after the effective date of this
7 subsection.

8 (2) When an alteration or addition is made on or after
9 the date which is four years after the effective date of this
10 subsection to a public building or facility, State-owned
11 building or health care facility that existed before the
12 effective date of this subsection and:

13 (i) the alteration or addition requires a permit;
14 and

15 (ii) the estimated cost of the alteration or
16 addition is \$20,000 or more.

17 (b) Signage.--A public building or facility, State-owned
18 building or health care facility shall ensure that:

19 (1) the entrance to each adult changing station has
20 conspicuous signage indicating the location of the adult
21 changing station; and

22 (2) if the public building or facility, State-owned
23 building or health care facility has a central directory, the
24 central directory indicates the location of the adult
25 changing station.

26 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
27 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
28 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

29 "Adult changing station." A private, enclosed family or
30 assisted-use toilet facility containing an adult changing table

1 that is for use by older children, the elderly and adults with
2 disabilities or special health care needs.

3 "Adult changing table." A powered, height-adjustable table
4 that:

5 (1) Has safety rails on each side of the table and a
6 safety belt.

7 (2) Is capable of being lowered to a height of no less
8 than 19 inches and raised to a height of no less than 38
9 inches.

10 (3) Is at least 25 inches wide and at least 72 inches
11 long.

12 (4) Supports at least 400 pounds.

13 "Health care facility." A general or special hospital,
14 including psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals and
15 long-term care nursing facilities. The term includes both for-
16 profit and nonprofit entities and includes those operated by an
17 agency or State or local government. The term shall also include
18 a hospice. The term does not include an office used primarily
19 for the private or group practice by health care practitioners
20 where no reviewable clinically related health service is
21 offered.

22 "Public building or facility." An establishment with the
23 capacity to serve 1,500 or more persons per day, including an
24 auditorium, convention center, permanent amusement park, movie
25 theater, theater, concert hall, sports arena, stadium, shopping
26 center or store of at least 40,000 square feet, museum library,
27 park, zoo, airport, train station and bus station.

28 "State-owned building." The Capitol Building, a building
29 owned or managed by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania
30 Courts, rest stops located on interstate highways and the

1 Pennsylvania Turnpike and a public building or facility located
2 on a State-owned or State-related college or university.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.