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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to enacting the "traveling with dignity act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "traveling with dignity act".

§ 2. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section 79-r to read as follows:

§ 79-r. Adult changing accommodations. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Adult changing accommodation" means an adult changing table placed within an enclosed restroom facility or other similar private facility that is for use by persons with disabilities who need help with diapering.

(b) "Commercial place of public amusement" means an auditorium, convention center, cultural complex, exhibition hall, permanent amusement park, sports arena, or theater or movie house for which the maximum occupancy is determined to be two thousand five hundred or more people.

(c) "Covered facility" means a commercial place of public amusement, public roadside rest area with sanitary facilities, museum, public library or other public building.

(d) "Disability" shall have the same meaning as provided for in subdivision twenty-one of section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law.

(e) "Public building" means a public building owned by the state of New York, under the supervision and control of the commissioner of general services, that is determined by such commissioner to be open to the public.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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2. (a) A covered facility shall install and maintain at least one adult changing accommodation for persons with a physical disability that is accessible to both men and women when the facility is open to the public, if any of the following occur:

(i) The covered facility is newly constructed on or after January first, two thousand twenty-four;

(ii) When an existing covered facility is renovated on or after January first, two thousand twenty-four, and either requires a permit or the estimated cost of the renovation is ten thousand dollars or more; or

(iii) If neither subparagraph (i) or (ii) of this paragraph apply, in the case of:

(1) a covered facility that is a public building, no later than January first, two thousand twenty-seven;

(2) a covered facility that is a museum or public library, no later than January first, two thousand twenty-nine; or

(3) a covered facility that is a commercial place of public amusement, no later than January first, two thousand thirty-one; or

(b) A covered facility with an enclosed restroom facility or other similar private facility with an adult changing table in use before January first, two thousand twenty-four, shall be deemed to comply with this subdivision.

3. A covered facility shall ensure that the entrance to each adult changing accommodation has conspicuous signage indicating the location of the accommodation, and, if the facility has a central directory, shall ensure that the central directory indicates the location of the adult changing accommodation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.