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Introduced by Sens. HARCKHAM, ROLISON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Disabilities in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

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

5 § 79-r. Adult changing accommodations. 1. As used in this section,
6 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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

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

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

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

21 (e) "Public building" means a public building owned by the state of
22 New York, under the supervision and control of the commissioner of

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

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1 general services, that is determined by such commissioner to be open to
2 the public.

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

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

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

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

14 (1) a covered facility that is a public building, no later than Janu-
15 ary first, two thousand twenty-eight;

16 (2) a covered facility that is a museum or public library, no later
17 than January first, two thousand thirty; or

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

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

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

29 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.