

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing standards for the design and construction of all-gender bathrooms

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

1 Section 1. Section 378 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 21 to read as follows:

3 21. a. Standards for all-gender bathrooms to provide privacy and secu-
4 urity, incorporating best practices in restroom design, including but not
5 limited to:

6 (i) lockable individual toilet stalls with a minimum door height of
7 eighty-four inches and a maximum undercut of four inches;

8 (ii) no visual gaps at the sides of doors and pilasters;

9 (iii) shared sink areas positioned outside of individual toilet
10 stalls; and

11 (iv) allowance for separate sinks within individual stalls.

12 b. All-gender bathrooms may include urinals provided they are enclosed
13 within individual lockable stalls meeting the privacy standards in para-
14 graph a of this subdivision.

15 c. (i) The department shall promulgate or amend regulations to allow
16 and facilitate the designation, installation, and use of all-gender
17 bathrooms in any use group as defined in the state building code,
18 including but not limited to commercial, institutional, educational, and
19 public facilities.

20 (ii) All-gender bathrooms shall be permitted in both new construction
21 and existing structures undergoing repair, renovation, or alteration
22 work.

23 (iii) Standards developed pursuant to this subdivision shall include
24 requirements for signage and wayfinding standards to ensure clear iden-

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

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1 tification of all-gender bathrooms while maintaining inclusivity and
2 accessibility.

3 d. For the purposes of this subdivision, "all-gender bathrooms" shall
4 mean multi-fixture toilet rooms with separate, lockable partitions and a
5 shared sink area that can be used by individuals of all gender identi-
6 ties.

7 § 2. PC 403 of chapter 4 of the plumbing code of the administrative
8 code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 403.5 to
9 read as follows:

10 § 403.5 All-gender bathrooms. 1. (a) All-gender bathrooms shall be
11 designed to provide privacy and security, incorporating best practices
12 in restroom design, including but not limited to:

13 (i) lockable individual toilet stalls with a minimum door height of 84
14 inches and a maximum undercut of 4 inches;

15 (ii) no visual gaps at the sides of doors and pilasters;

16 (iii) shared sink areas positioned outside of individual toilet
17 stalls; and

18 (iv) allowance for separate sinks within individual stalls.

19 (b) All-gender bathrooms may include urinals provided they are
20 enclosed within individual lockable stalls meeting the privacy standards
21 in paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

22 2. All-gender bathrooms shall be permitted in both new construction
23 and existing structures undergoing repair, renovation, or alteration
24 work.

25 3. Standards developed pursuant to this section shall include require-
26 ments for signage and wayfinding standards to ensure clear identifica-
27 tion of all-gender bathrooms while maintaining inclusivity and accessi-
28 bility.

29 4. For the purposes of this section, "all-gender bathrooms" shall mean
30 multi-fixture toilet rooms with separate, lockable partitions and a
31 shared sink area that can be used by individuals of all gender identi-
32 ties.

33 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
34 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
35 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
36 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
37 on or before such effective date.