

HOUSE BILL NO. 141

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARRICK, Hannan

Introduced: 3/21/25

Referred: Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to universal changing facilities in public buildings."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 18.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 18.35.150. Universal changing facilities in public buildings.** (a) On or
5 after the effective date of this Act, a public building in which a bathroom is
6 constructed, or that undergoes a remodel of the building estimated to cost \$30,000 or
7 more, must contain

8 (1) at least one publicly available bathroom with a universal changing
9 facility; or

10 (2) if the bathrooms in the building are divided by gender, at least one
11 men's bathroom and one women's bathroom that are equipped with universal
12 changing facilities.

13 (b) A public building is exempt from the requirements of (a) of this section if
14 installation of a universal changing facility

15 (1) is not practicable; or

1 (2) would cause the bathroom to be out of compliance with applicable
2 building standards governing the right of access for individuals with disabilities.

3 (c) The owner or lessee of a building shall report the location of a universal
4 changing table to the department when one is installed.

5 (d) The department shall maintain on the department's publicly available
6 Internet website a list containing the location of each universal changing facility
7 reported under this section.

8 (e) The department shall adopt regulations establishing standards for a
9 universal changing facility required under this section.

10 (f) In a civil action for violation of this section, a court may award a prevailing
11 plaintiff injunctive and declaratory relief, actual damages, and attorney fees and costs.

12 (g) In this section,

13 (1) "department" means the Department of Transportation and Public
14 Facilities;

15 (2) "public building" means a building owned or controlled and held
16 by the state or political subdivision of the state for government or public use or a
17 public transportation facility that is supported by public funds;

18 (3) "universal changing facility" means a table or other device suitable
19 for changing the diaper of a child and providing personal care for an adult.