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## House Bill 141 Version A

### Sectional Analysis

*“An Act relating to universal changing facilities in public buildings.”*

**Section 1.** Amends AS 18.35 by adding a section 18.35.150 which relates to universal changing facilities in public buildings.

**Subsection a.** Establishes requirements for the installation of at least one universal changing facility in all public buildings during any new construction or remodel that costs over \$30,000. These requirements include

- buildings having at least one public restroom with a universal changing facility
- buildings having at least one universal changing facility in both the men’s and women’s restroom if all restroom in the building are divided by gender

**Subsection b.** Establishes exemptions to subsection a. These exemptions include

- if the installation of a universal changing facility is not practicable
- if the installation of a universal changing facility would cause the restroom to no longer meet accessible building standards

**Subsection c.** Establishes that the owner or building tenant must report the location of the universal changing facility

**Subsection d.** Establishes that the department must include the location of the universal changing facility on the departments publicly accessible website

**Subsection e.** Requires that the department adopt regulations which establish the standards of universal changing facilities

**Subsection f.** Establishes that the violation of these requirements results in an individual right to sue, with court ordered awards that may include prevailing plaintiff injunctive and declaratory relief, actual damages, and attorney fees and costs

**Subsection g.** Definitions

- establishes the “department” to be the Department of Transportation and Public facilities
- establishes “public building” to be a building that is owned, controlled, and held by the state or political subdivision of the state for public use, or a public transportation facility which is supported by public finds
- establishes a “universal changing facility” to be a table or device that is suitable for providing personal care for both a child and an adult