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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 141()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES CARRICK, Hannan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

Sec. 18.35.150. Universal changing facilities in public buildings. (a) On or after the effective date of this Act, a public building that includes a publicly available restroom that is constructed, or that undergoes a remodel of the building estimated to cost \$30,000 or more, must contain

(1) at least one publicly available restroom with a universal changing facility; or

(2) if the restrooms in the building are divided by gender, at least one men's restroom and one women's restroom that are equipped with universal changing facilities.

(b) A public building is exempt from the requirements of (a) of this section if

(1) installation of a universal changing facility is not practicable;

(2) installation of a universal changing facility would cause the

1 restroom to be out of compliance with applicable building standards governing the
2 right of access for individuals with disabilities;

3 (3) the building is for government use and members of the public are
4 not generally permitted unaccompanied access to the building;

5 (4) the building is for government use and does not provide a restroom
6 for public use; or

7 (5) the building does not contain a restroom.

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

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

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

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

17 (g) In this section,

18 (1) "department" means the Department of Transportation and Public
19 Facilities;

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

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