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H. P. 408

House of Representatives, February 13, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Violette of Van Buren, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Torrey of Poland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for Public Rest Room Facilities in Shopping Centers.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

22 MRSA c. 270, is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 270

SHOPPING CENTERS

§ 1651. Public rest room facilities required

In any building or facility, constructed specifically as a shopping center after the effective date of this chapter, there shall be installed a minimum of 2 toilets for the use of the public. These toilets shall be clearly marked and maintained in a sanitary condition and good repair. There shall be no charge for their use.

§ 1652. Shopping center defined

For the purposes of this chapter, a "shopping center" is defined as any building or facility containing 6 or more separate retail establishments, planned, developed, owned or managed as a unit, with an off-street public parking area of not less than 2 acres.

§ 1653. Rules and regulations

The Department of Human Services shall have the power, for the purpose of protecting the public health, to make rules interpreting and enforcing this chapter.

§ 1654. Enforcement

This chapter shall be enforced by the Division of Health Engineering. Anyone violating the provisions of this chapter or regulations thereunder commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$200 may be adjudged.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require shopping centers of 6 or more retail stores to provide public toilets, free of charge.