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No. 882

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for Certain Signs to Assist Blind Persons in Elevators.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA § 2702, sub-§ 6, first \P , as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 80, § 2, is amended to read:

6. Elevators. Any elevator in any building shall have control buttons with identifying tactile features for the blind. Elevators, when provided in planning, shall be accessible to and usable by physically handicapped individuals at all levels used by the general public. They shall allow for wheelchair traffic and shall have control buttons with identifying features for the blind.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The prupose of this bill is to require all elevators in any state, county or municipal building to be equipped with control buttons with tactile identifying features for blind persons. The appropriation provides for the cost of equipping all state elevators with these features.