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HOUSE AMENDMENT " C " to H. P. 1665, L. D. 2058, Bill, "AN ACT to Prevent Physically Handicapped Discrimination under Human Rights Act."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

'Sec. 12. R. S., T. 5, §4593, additional.
Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4593 to read as follows:

§4593. Existing facilities

1. Public accommodations. Nothing in section 4591 or 4592 related to equal access to public accommodations or indirectly denying access to the physical handicap shall apply to existing structures, structures under construction or proposed construction submitted for bid before September 1, 1974. For any building or facility constructed specifically as a place of public accommodation on or after September 1, 1974 there shall be:

A. At least one public walk not less than 40 inches wide with a slope not greater than one foot rise in 12 feet leading directly to a primary entrance;

B. A door at such primary entrance with a clear opening of no less than 32 inches and operable by a single effort. If doors at a primary entrance are in a series, they shall have a space between them of not less than 84 inches measured from their closed positions; and each shall open in the same direction so that swings do not conflict;

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C. Rest room facilities should have at least one stall that is not less than 3 feet wide, 5 feet in depth, a 32-inch wide door that swings out, handrails on each side mounted 33 inches from the floor, and a water closet with a seat 20 inches high;

D. Doors that are not intended for normal use, and that are dangerous if a blind person were to enter or exit by them, shall be made identifiable to touch by knurling the handle or knob.

In any building designed and constructed specifically for public housing or accommodations, the bathroom facilities and all accompanying fixtures shall be arranged to permit access and use by a person in a wheelchair in at least 1% of the living units. Such units shall be constructed on ground level and shall comply with paragraph C.

2. Places of employment. Existing places of employment or structures to be used for this purpose currently under construction or where proposed construction has been submitted for bid before September 1, 1974, are exempt from the requirements of this chapter as they relate to accessibility for the physical handicap. For any building or facility constructed specifically as a place of employment on or after September 1, 1974, or when the estimated total costs for remodeling or enlarging an existing building exceeds \$100,000, the public accommodation provisions relating to walks, entries, rest room facilities and doors shall apply.'

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Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 3 to 12 to be sections 2 to 11.

Statement of Fact

This amendment mandates that all public accommodations built after September 1, 1974 shall provide a facility for those with a physical handicap.

Filed by Mr. Ault of Wayne.

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