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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1724

H. P. 1472

House of Representatives, April 8, 1975

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

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

§ 1621. 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 suitable public rest room facilities.

§ 1622. Existing buildings; exemption

Existing buildings or facilities utilized as shopping centers, or structures to be used for this purpose which are currently under construction, or proposed construction which has been submitted for bid prior to the effective date of this chapter are exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

For any building or facility constructed specifically as a shopping center after the effective date of this chapter, or when the estimated total costs for remodeling an existing shopping center exceeds \$100,000, the requirements of section 1621 shall apply.

§ 1623. Shopping center defined

For the purpose of this chapter, a "shopping center" is defined as any building or facility containing 6 or more separate commercial establishments,

planned, developed, owned or managed as a unit, with an off-street public parking area of not less than 2 acres.

§ 1624. Rules and regulations

The Department of Health and Welfare shall have the power, for the purpose of protecting the public health, to make rules and regulations interpreting and enforcing this chapter including, but not limited to, the following areas: Size; number of facilities; location and maintenance standards.

§ 1625. Enforcement

This chapter shall be enforced by the Division of Health Engineering. Anyone violating the provisions of this chapter or regulations thereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to provide public rest room facilities in commercial shopping centers which contain 6 or more establishments.