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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 41, L.D. 84, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning those Buildings which must be made Accessible to Physically Handicapped."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, since the enactment of PL 1967, chapter 367, by the 103rd Legislature, there has been ample evidence for the need to set forth in law more specific standards of construction necessary to assure that our public buildings are made accessible to all of the public; and

Whereas, provisions of this Act relate primarily to those new public buildings to be constructed with either state or federal funds; and

Whereas, it is recognized that most new construction of public buildings in this State begins during the first half of any calendar year; and

Whereas, it is essential that the following amendment be made without delay; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end, before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. The bill should be passed as an emergency measure because it affects new construction and most new construction of public buildings begins during the first half of the calendar year.