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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MacBRIDE of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Senators GILL of Cumberland, GAUVREAU of
Androscoggin, and Representative TAYLOR of Camden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT Relating to Construction Standards for
2 Access for Handicapped Persons to
3 Public Facilities.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2701, sub-§5, as enacted by PL
8 1977, c. 80, §2, is amended to read:

9 5. Standards of construction. "Standards of con-
10 struction" means the standards adopted by rule by the
11 Director of Public Improvements and the standards set
12 forth by the American National Standards Institute in
13 the publication "Specifications for Making Buildings
14 and Facilities Accessible to and Usable by the Physi-
15 cally Handicapped," {ANSI--A-117-1961-(R-1971)}, as
16 amended, except as otherwise exempted or provided by

1 the National Fire Protection Association's Life Safe-
2 ty Code 101.

3 Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2701, sub-§6, as enacted by PL
4 1981, c. 334, §4, is repealed.

5 Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2702-A, sub-§1, as amended by
6 PL 1981, c. 698, §113, is further amended to read:

7 1. Standards. The Director of Public Improve-
8 ments shall adopt by rule ~~1981~~ standards of construc-
9 tion. The standards shall be adopted in order to
10 fully implement the most recent specifications in the
11 American National Standards Institute publication
12 "Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities
13 Accessible to and Usable by Physically Handicapped
14 People," (~~ANSI-A-117.1-1980~~), except as otherwise ex-
15 empted or provided by the National Fire Protection
16 Association's Life Safety Code 101.

17 Prior and subsequent to adopting the standards, the
18 director shall consult with physically handicapped
19 people and their representatives and with persons
20 regulated by this law and their representatives, to
21 obtain their advice on the advisability, form and ef-
22 fect of the standards.

23 Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2702-A, sub-§2, as enacted by
24 PL 1981, c. 334, §6, is amended to read:

25 2. Application. All construction, remodeling and
26 enlarging begun after January 1, 1982, of buildings
27 subject to this chapter shall comply with the ~~1981~~
28 standards of construction.

29 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 This bill amends current law regarding construc-
31 tion standards for making facilities accessible to
32 the physically handicapped to reflect newly published
33 specifications and future revisions.

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