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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1727

H.P. 1263 House of Representatives, June 3, 1987
Reported by Representative MANNING from the Committee on
Human Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Original bill sponsored 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8 1977, c. 80, §2, is repealed and the following en-
9 acted in its place:

10 5. Standards of construction. "Standards of con-
11 struction" means the most recent standards set forth
12 by the American National Standards Institute in the
13 publication "Specifications for Making Buildings and
14 Facilities Accessible to and Usable by the Physically
15 Handicapped," except as otherwise exempted or pro-

1 vided by the National Fire Protection Association's
2 Life Safety Code 101 or as amended by rule of the Di-
3 rector of Public Improvements.

4 Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2701, sub-§6, as enacted by PL
5 1981, c. 334, §4, is repealed.

6 Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2702-A, sub-§1, as amended by
7 PL 1981, c. 698, §113, is repealed and the following
8 enacted in its place:

9 1. Amendments to standards. Prior and subse-
10 quent to adopting any amendments to the standards,
11 the director shall consult with physically handi-
12 capped people and their representatives and with per-
13 sons regulated by this law and their representatives,
14 to obtain their advice on the advisability, form and
15 effect of any amendments to the standards.

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

18 2. Application. All construction, remodeling and
19 enlarging begun after January 1, ~~1982~~ 1988, of build-
20 ings subject to this chapter shall comply with the
21 ~~1981~~ standards of construction.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 This new draft amends current law regarding con-
24 struction standards for making facilities accessible
25 to the physically handicapped to reflect newly pub-
26 lished specifications and future revisions. This new
27 draft places the standards in the statute and autho-
28 rizes the Director of Public Improvements to amend
29 those standards by rule. It also corrects the imple-
30 mentation date.

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