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House of Representatives, January 21, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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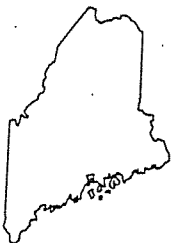
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative BELL of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAHAM of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Providing Accessible Housing.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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3 5 MRSA §4582, last ¶, as amended by PL 1991, c. 99, §17, is
4 further amended to read:

6 With respect to any form of public housing or any housing
7 that is financed in whole or in part with public funds offering
8 housing accommodations containing 20 or more units for which
9 construction is begun after October 1, 1988, but not including
10 units of housing that existed prior to October 1, 1988 that are
11 remodeled, renovated or enlarged after that date, no less than
12 10% of the ground level units and a minimum of 10% of the upper
13 story units connected by an elevator must be accessible to and
14 useable by persons with physical disability. For purposes of
15 this section, a newly constructed housing unit is determined
16 accessible to and useable by persons with physical disability if
17 it meets the requirements of the 1986 standards set forth by the
18 American National Standards Institute in the publication,
19 "Specifications for Making Buildings Accessible to and Useable by
20 Physically Handicapped People," ANSI A 117.1-1986. A remodeled,
21 renovated or enlarged housing unit where the remodeling,
22 renovating or enlarging is begun after October 1, 1988, is
23 determined accessible to and useable by persons with physeal
24 physical disability if it meets the requirements of the following
25 4 parts of the 1986 American National Standards Institute
26 standards: 4.3 accessible routes; 4.23 doors; 4.34.5 adaptable
27 bathrooms; and 4.29.3 tactile warnings on doors to hazardous
28 areas.

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

33 In 1989 the Legislature enacted legislation to ensure that a
34 certain percentage of new housing constructed with public funds
35 would be accessible to persons with physical disabilities.

36 This bill clarifies that this particular requirement does
37 not apply to units of housing that existed prior to October 1,
38 1988 that are remodeled, renovated or enlarged after that date.
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