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House of Representatives, March 1, 2005

An Act Requiring Stores of 500 Square Feet To Make Existing Bathroom Facilities Available for Public Use

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JACKSON of Fort Kent, JENNINGS of Leeds, MAKAS of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 270**, as amended, is further amended by
repealing the chapter headnote and enacting in its place the
following:

6 **CHAPTER 270**

8 **RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS**

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1672**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985,
12 c. 737, Pt. A, §53, is repealed and the following enacted in its
place:

14 **§1672. Public rest room facilities required**

16 **1. Shopping centers.** In any building or facility
18 constructed specifically as a shopping center after September 19,
1985, there must be installed a minimum of 2 toilets for the use
20 of the public. There must be at least one separate toilet for
each sex and the toilets provided must be clearly marked,
22 maintained in a sanitary condition and in good repair. Lavatory
facilities must be located within or immediately adjacent to all
24 toilet rooms or vestibules. No charge may be imposed for their
use.

26 **2. Retail stores.** Except for a retail store in a shopping
28 center under subsection 1, if a retail store of at least 500
square feet in area has a rest room facility, the retail store
30 shall make that rest room facility available for public use.

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill requires retail stores of 500 square feet to make
36 toilet facilities, if existing, available for public use.