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An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Public Rest Rooms

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, CASAVANT of Biddeford,
CROCKETT of Augusta, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PIEH of Bremen, TRINWARD of
Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1685, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

3 **2. Place of public accommodation.** "Place of public accommodation" means a
4 facility, operated by a public or private entity, whose operations fall within at least one of
5 the following categories:

6 A. An inn, hotel, motel or other place of lodging, whether conducted for the
7 entertainment or accommodation of transient guests or those seeking health,
8 recreation or rest;

9 B. A restaurant, eating house, bar, tavern, buffet, saloon, soda fountain, ice cream
10 parlor or other establishment serving or selling food or drink;

11 C. A motion picture house, theater, concert hall, stadium, roof garden, airdrome or
12 other place of exhibition or entertainment;

13 D. An auditorium, convention center, lecture hall or other place of public gathering;

14 E. A bakery, grocery store, clothing store, hardware store, shopping center, garage,
15 gasoline station or other sales or rental establishment;

16 F. A laundromat, dry cleaner, bank, barber shop, beauty shop, travel service, shoe
17 repair service, funeral parlor, gas station, office of an accountant or lawyer,
18 pharmacy, insurance office, professional office of a health care provider, hospital,
19 dispensary, clinic, bathhouse or other service establishment;

20 G. All public conveyances operated on land or water or in the air as well as a
21 terminal, depot or other station used for specified public transportation;

22 H. A museum, library, gallery or other place of public display or collection;

23 I. A park, zoo, amusement park, race course, skating rink, fair, bowling alley, golf
24 course, golf club, country club, gymnasium, health spa, shooting gallery, billiard or
25 pool parlor, swimming pool, seashore accommodation or boardwalk or other place of
26 recreation, exercise or health;

27 J. A nursery, elementary, secondary, undergraduate or postgraduate school or other
28 place of education;

29 K. A day-care center, senior citizen center, homeless shelter, food bank, adoption
30 agency or other social service center establishment;

31 L. A municipal building, courthouse, town hall or other establishment of the State or
32 a local government; and

33 M. Any establishment that in fact caters to, or offers its goods, facilities or services
34 to, or solicits or accepts patronage from, the general public.

35 When a place of public accommodation is located in a private residence, the portion of
36 the residence used exclusively as a residence is not covered by this chapter, but that
37 portion used exclusively in the operation of the place of public accommodation or that
38 portion used both for the place of public accommodation and for the residential purposes
39 is covered by this chapter.

1 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1685, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

2 **3. Public accommodation.** "Public accommodation" means a public or private
3 entity that owns, leases, leases to or operates a place of public accommodation.

4 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1686-B** is enacted to read:

5 **§1686-B. Public rest room facilities**

6 In any place of public accommodation that provides rest room facilities, disposable
7 toilet seat covers must be provided in those facilities.

8 **Sec. 4. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause.** In the
9 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 270-B, in the chapter headnote, the words
10 "public rest room facilities in eating places" are amended to read "public rest room
11 facilities" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating,
12 publishing or republishing the statutes.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires that all places of public accommodation that provide rest room
15 facilities provide disposable toilet seat covers.

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