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House of Representatives, February 14, 2019

An Act To Ensure Persons with Disabilities Have Access to Public Rest Rooms

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RILEY of Jay.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COREY of Windham, CROCKETT of Portland, FAY of Raymond, TERRY of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4594-G, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

3 **12. Single-occupancy bathrooms.** Construction of a public building, as defined in
4 subsection 6, must include the single-occupancy bathrooms that meet the standards of
5 construction required by this section. Such bathrooms may not be designated as gender
6 specific.

7 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4594-H** is enacted to read:

8 **§4594-H. Requirements for public buildings**

9 Single-occupancy bathrooms available for use by the public in a public building, as
10 defined in section 4594-G, subsection 6, may not be designated as gender specific.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill provides that single-occupancy bathrooms in existing buildings for use by
13 the general public may not be designated as gender specific. It also requires that new
14 construction of buildings for use by the general public include the construction of single-
15 occupancy bathrooms that meet the standards of construction for new buildings and the
16 federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The bathrooms may not be designated
17 as gender specific; the purpose of this provision is to ensure that a person with a disability
18 using the bathroom may be assisted by an attendant of a different gender.