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An Act to Ensure Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in Public Restrooms

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


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Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and
Representative: ROBERTS of South Berwick, Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 279** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 279**

4 **DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS**

5 **§1700-C. Diaper changing stations in public restrooms required**

6 **1. Definition.** As used in this section, "diaper changing station" means a table or other
7 device suitable for changing the diaper of a child who has not attained 4 years of age.

8 **2. Requirement.** Except as provided in subsection 3, all public restrooms must be
9 equipped with a diaper changing station that is physically safe, sanitary and appropriate.
10 The diaper changing station must be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

11 **3. Exceptions.** A public restroom is not subject to the requirements of subsection 2 if
12 the restroom:

13 A. Has conspicuous signage directing individuals to the location of another restroom
14 on the same floor with a diaper changing station that is accessible to the individual; or

15 B. Would require construction in order to install a diaper changing station and the cost
16 of construction is not feasible.

17 **4. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules
18 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter
19 375, subchapter 2-A.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires, with certain exceptions, all public restrooms to be equipped with a
22 diaper changing station. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt
23 rules to implement this requirement.