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## Chapter 367

### AN ACT Requiring Constructed Public Buildings be Made Accessible to the Physically Handicapped.

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

R. S., T. 25, part 7, additional. Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new part 7, to read as follows:

#### PART 7

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS

#### CHAPTER 331

#### CONSTRUCTION FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

##### § 2701. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

1. **Administrative authority.** "Administrative authority" means the state, county or municipal official responsible for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

2. **Building.** "Building" means a structure to which the public customarily has access and utilizes and which is constructed, in whole or in part, with funds of the State or its political subdivisions.

3. **Physical handicap.** "Physical handicap" means an impairment which confines an individual to a wheelchair; or causes an individual to walk with difficulty; or affects the sight or hearing to the extent that an individual functioning in public areas is insecure or exposed to danger; or causes faulty coordination or reduces mobility, flexibility, coordination and perceptiveness to the extent that special facilities are needed to provide for the safety of that individual.

##### § 2702. Standards of construction

Whenever any building as described in this chapter is constructed it shall include the following:

1. **Grading.** Grading so that the ground shall attain a level with at least one primary entrance;

2. **Public walk.** At least one public walk to a primary entrance; such walk to be at least 48 inches wide and have a gradient not greater than 5%; and of continuing common surface, not interrupted by steps or abrupt changes in level;

3. **Ramp.** Where a ramp with gradient greater than 5% is necessary or desired, it shall not have a slope greater than one foot rise in 12 feet, or 8.33% or 4° 50'; and shall have handrails on at least one side, and preferably 2 sides, that are 32 inches in height from the surface of the ramp;

4. **Doors.** Doors at the primary entrance or entrances at grade level shall have a clear opening of no less than 32 inches when open and shall be operable by a single effort. The floor on the inside and outside of each doorway shall extend at least one foot beyond each side of the door and be level for a distance of at least 5 feet from the closed portion of the door in the direction the door swings. Thresholds shall have beveled edges;

5. **Floors.** Floors shall be maintained to assure nonslip surfaces; and on any given story shall be of a common level throughout; or be connected by a ramp in accord with subsection 3;

6. **Elevators.** Elevators, when provided in planning, shall be accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped at all levels used by the general public. They shall allow for wheelchair traffic and have control buttons with identifying features for the blind;

7. **Stairs.** Stairs that might require use by physically handicapped persons shall have handrails 32 inches high as measured from the tread at the face of the riser. At least one handrail shall extend at least 18 inches beyond the top step and the bottom step; and such extension shall be on the side of a continuing wall. Steps of stairs shall not have abrupt, square nosing, and should wherever possible have risers not to exceed 7 inches;

8. **Toilets.** An appropriate number of toilet rooms, in accordance with the nature of a building, shall be accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped;

9. **Drinking fountains.** An appropriate number of drinking fountains, in accordance with the nature and use of a building, shall be accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped;

10. **Telephones.** Where public telephones are installed an appropriate number, in accordance with the nature and use of a building, shall be accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped;

11. **Other doors.** Doors that are not intended for normal use, and that are dangerous if a blind person were to enter or exit by them, shall be made identifiable to touch by knurling the handle or knob;

12. **Warning signals.** Warning signals for emergencies should provide audible and visual signals simultaneously for the benefit of those persons with either hearing or sight disabilities.

#### § 2703. Administration authority

The responsibility for administering and enforcing this chapter shall be as follows:

1. **State.** Where state funds are used, the Director of Public Improvements; except in respect to elementary and secondary school buildings it shall be the Commissioner of Education;

2. **Counties and municipalities.** Where funds for counties and municipalities are used, except school buildings, the governing bodies thereof;

3. New buildings. New buildings constructed after the effective date of this Act shall meet all provisions of this chapter.

Effective October 7, 1967

## Chapter 368

### AN ACT to Provide for the Issuance of Weapons Permits to Certain Nonresident Employees.

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

**R. S., T. 25, § 203I, amended.** Section 203I of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

#### § 203I. Threatening display of or carrying concealed weapons; licenses

No person shall in a threatening manner display, or shall wear under his clothes, or conceal about his person any firearm, slung shot, knuckles, bowie knife, dirk, stiletto or other dangerous or deadly weapon ~~unless first licensed to do so as provided. The~~; **except that the chief of police or city marshal of any city or the selectmen of any town may upon written application therefor issue to any legal resident of such city or town of good moral character, a certificate setting forth that such person has been duly licensed to carry any such weapon or weapons mentioned in this section the certificate.** If such applicant is a resident of the State and is domiciled in unorganized territory, such certificate may be issued by the police or city marshal of any city or the selectmen of any town nearest to the unorganized territory. **The Chief of the Maine State Police or persons authorized by him may, upon written application therefor, issue to a nonresident, not falling within the local licensing authority, who is in the employ of a public utility corporation, or a person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of transferring money or in a business of a similar nature and who is of good moral character and whose application is endorsed by his employer, a certificate setting forth that such person has been duly licensed to carry any weapon or weapons mentioned in this section during the working hours he shall be employed as aforesaid. The foregoing certificate shall cease to be valid when the employee leaves the employment of the employer who endorsed the application and shall be subject to termination as hereafter provided. Said license** All licenses shall continue in effect to the end of the calendar year in which issued and for one year thereafter unless sooner revoked by the **Chief of the Maine State Police, chief of police, city marshal or by the selectmen of the town in which said license was issued. The official or officials, issuing a license, shall make a permanent record of it in a suitable book or file, kept for that purpose. Such record shall include date of issuance, the name, age, sex and street address of licensee, together with complete description of weapon, and in case of firearms, the caliber, make and number. This section shall not be construed as prohibiting the carrying or wearing of such weapons by United States marshals, sheriffs and their deputies, constables, police officers, licensed private detectives and other officers charged with the enforcement of law. All licenses issued in accordance with this section shall authorize the person so licensed to carry such weapons throughout the State. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.**

Effective October 7, 1967