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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 33**AN ACT Concerning those Buildings which must be made Accessible to Physically Handicapped.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, since the enactment of PL 1967, chapter 367, by the 103rd Legislature, there has been ample evidence for the need to set forth in law more specific standards of construction necessary to assure that our public buildings are made accessible to all of the public; and

Whereas, provisions of this Act relate primarily to those new public buildings to be constructed with either state or federal funds; and

Whereas, it is recognized that most new construction of public buildings in this State begins during the first half of any calendar year; and

Whereas, it is essential that the following amendment be made without delay; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

25 MRSA § 2703, sub-§ 4, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 98, is amended to read:

Plans to reconstruct, remodel or enlarge an existing building, when the estimated total cost exceeds ~~\$250,000~~ \$100,000, shall be subject to this chapter, when, in the opinion of the administrative authority, the proposed reconstruction, remodeling or enlargement will substantially affect that portion of said building normally accessible to the public.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 21, 1977

CHAPTER 34**AN ACT Relating to Public Utilities Commission Declarations of Public Convenience and Necessity Required by Statute.**

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