

House Bill 401

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 30-3-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 specific amenities required to be provided in public buildings for persons with disabilities,
3 so as to require that each public building that receives a permit for construction or renovation
4 after July 1, 2001, shall provide at least one accessible restroom on the main floor of the
5 building that is unisex so that caregivers of the opposite sex can enter to assist the disabled;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 30-3-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific
10 amenities required to be provided in public buildings for persons with disabilities, is
11 amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
12 following:

13 "30-3-5.

14 All government buildings, public buildings, and facilities receiving permits for construction
15 or renovation after July 1, 1987, but before July 1, 1995, shall comply with the American
16 National Standards Institute specifications A117.1-1986 for making buildings and facilities
17 accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, except as otherwise provided in
18 paragraph (10) and subparagraph (C) of paragraph (11) of Code Section 30-3-2 and except
19 that nothing in this Code section is intended to require the addition of an elevator where
20 none exists or is planned, solely for the purpose of providing an accessible route between
21 floor levels and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall provide the
22 following amenities for persons with disabilities, as appropriate:

23 (1) Accessible parking spaces in a reasonable number of which not less than 30 percent
24 of or a minimum of one, whichever is greater, shall have an aisle width in compliance
25 with American National Standards Institute specifications A117.1-1986 (A4.6.2);

26 (2) Accessible entrances in a reasonable number;

- 1 (3) Accessible toilet rooms, bathrooms, bathing facilities, and shower rooms in a
2 reasonable number; provided, further, that after July 1, 2001, accessible toilet rooms shall
3 be provided on the main floor of each such building and shall be unisex to allow access
4 to members of the opposite sex who are caregivers to the disabled users; and
5 (4) Accessible seating, tables, and work surfaces in a reasonable number."

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.