

House Bill 1620 (FLOOR SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions relative to public property, so as to provide standards for the  
3 number of women's and men's toilets in certain state, county, or city owned buildings and  
4 facilities; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The General Assembly recognizes that there are often long waiting periods for the use of  
9 restrooms in public buildings and facilities and that such waiting periods are much longer for  
10 women than for men due to gender differences in the need to use the restroom and  
11 anatomical differences between men and women. The General Assembly also recognizes that  
12 women often attend to small children in restrooms. Many states and localities have created  
13 laws to address the issue of insufficient restroom facilities for women in public buildings and  
14 facilities.

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
17 general provisions relative to public property, is amended by adding a new Code section to  
18 read as follows:

19 "50-16-21.

20 (a) Any women's or men's restroom constructed or installed on or after July 1, 2004, in  
21 a state, county, or city owned building or facility shall be in accordance with the Standard  
22 Building Code as provided by Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 and shall meet any  
23 applicable requirements of county boards of health.

24 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, the General  
25 Assembly urges any state, county, or city owned building or facility to have a ratio of two

