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An act to amend Section 15805 of the Government Code, relating to public buildings.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 15805 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15805. (a) A public building that is owned by a state agency, or a portion of a building that is owned by the state and includes at least one restroom that is open to the public, shall provide at least one safe, sanitary, convenient, and publicly accessible baby diaper changing station that is accessible to women entering a restroom provided for use by women and at least one safe, sanitary, convenient, and publicly accessible baby diaper changing station that is accessible to men entering a restroom provided for use by men, or at least one safe, sanitary, convenient, and publicly accessible baby diaper changing station that is accessible to both men and women. Each station shall include signage at or near the entrance to the station indicating the location of the baby diaper changing station. If there is a central directory identifying, for the benefit of the public, the location of offices, restrooms, and other facilities in the building, that central directory shall indicate the location of the baby diaper changing stations. Each baby diaper changing station shall be maintained, repaired, and replaced as necessary to ensure safety and ease of use, and shall be cleaned with the same frequency as the restroom in which it is located.

(b) (1) Subdivision (a) applies to all new construction, and, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), to all renovations of bathrooms for which a permit has been obtained, in which the estimated cost of the new construction or renovation is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more.

(2) Subdivision (a) does not apply to a renovation if a local building permitting entity or building inspector determines it is determined by the board that the installation of a baby diaper changing station is not feasible or would result in a failure to comply with applicable building standards governing the right of access for persons with disabilities. The ~~permitting entity or building inspector~~ board may grant an exemption from the requirements of this section under those circumstances.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: Public buildings: baby diaper changing stations.

Existing law, the State Building Construction Act of 1955, requires all new construction of public buildings owned by a state agency and all renovations of bathrooms of public buildings for which a permit has been obtained in which the estimated cost of the new construction or renovation is \$10,000 or more to provide at least one baby diaper changing station that complies with specified requirements. Existing law exempts a renovation from those provisions if a local building permitting entity or building inspector determines that the installation is not feasible or would result in failure to comply with applicable building standards, and would authorize the permitting entity or building inspector to grant an exemption under those circumstances.

This bill would delete the condition that makes the requirement to install a baby diaper changing station applicable only to renovations for which a permit has been obtained, would require the State Public Works Board, rather than a local building permitting entity or building inspector, to make the determination that the installation is not feasible, and would authorize the board, rather than the permitting entity or building inspector, to grant an exemption.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

