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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the installation and maintenance of adult
2 changing stations at certain locations, and including
3 effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known as
2 "Adalynn's law".

3 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 216C.13 **Adult changing stations.**

4 1. For purposes of this section, "*adult changing station*"
5 means a universally-accessible, height-adjustable adult
6 changing table placed within an enclosed restroom facility
7 or other similar facility that is for use by persons with
8 disabilities who need assistance with diapering.

9 2. An adult changing station shall be installed and
10 maintained at all of the following locations:

11 a. Any building or facility to which the public is invited
12 or in which the public is permitted, on which construction will
13 commence on or after January 1, 2022.

14 b. Any building or facility to which the public is invited
15 or in which the public is permitted, on which construction
16 of renovations to the building or facility will commence on
17 or after January 1, 2025, and where such renovations will
18 require a permit, certificate, authorization, or other required
19 document or where the renovations will cost ten thousand
20 dollars or more.

21 c. Any building or facility to which the public is invited
22 or in which the public is permitted, with the capacity to serve
23 one thousand five hundred or more persons in any one day,
24 including but not limited to state buildings and facilities.

25 d. Shopping malls and retail stores with a floor space of
26 forty thousand square feet or more.

27 e. Entertainment venues with a floor space of forty thousand
28 square feet or more, including but not limited to theaters,
29 concert halls, auditoriums, and other facilities primarily used
30 for exhibiting motion pictures, stage performances, lectures,
31 musical recitals, and other similar performances, bingo
32 facilities, gambling structures, and indoor arenas including
33 sports arenas.

34 f. Public transportation facilities under the authority
35 of the state or its political subdivisions, including bus

1 stations.

2 *g.* Galleries, libraries, museums, and tourist information
3 centers.

4 *h.* Parks, playgrounds, recreational centers, zoos, and
5 amusement or theme parks.

6 *i.* General aviation airports as defined in section 328.1.

7 *j.* Rest areas as defined in section 306C.10.

8 *k.* Public or nonpublic educational facilities, including but
9 not limited to schools, colleges, and universities.

10 *l.* Hospitals as defined in section 135B.1.

11 *m.* A facility as defined in section 125.2.

12 3. Each location required to install and maintain an adult
13 changing station, as provided for in subsection 2, shall
14 ensure that the entrance to each adult changing station has
15 conspicuous signage indicating the location of the adult
16 changing station.

17 4. A person who violates this section shall be assessed a
18 civil penalty by the department of human rights which is not
19 to exceed two hundred fifty dollars. Moneys collected under
20 this subsection shall be remitted to the treasurer of state for
21 deposit in the general fund of the state.

22 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
23 3, shall not apply to this Act.

24 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
25 2021.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill requires the installation and maintenance of
30 adult changing stations at certain locations. The bill
31 defines the term "adult changing station". An adult changing
32 station is required to be installed and maintained in certain
33 buildings and facilities with future construction dates;
34 certain buildings or facilities undergoing future renovations;
35 buildings or facilities with the capacity to serve 1,500 or

1 more persons in any one day; shopping malls, retail stores,
2 and certain entertainment venues with a floor space of 40,000
3 square feet or more; certain public transportation facilities;
4 galleries, libraries, museums, and tourist information centers;
5 parks, playgrounds, recreational centers, zoos, and amusement
6 or theme parks; certain airports; rest areas; education
7 facilities; hospitals; and rehabilitation facilities. Each
8 location required to install an adult changing station is
9 required to install conspicuous signage at the entrance of each
10 adult changing station indicating its location.

11 A violation of the bill is punishable by a civil penalty
12 not to exceed \$250 to be assessed by the department of human
13 rights. Moneys collected are to be remitted to the treasurer
14 of state for deposit in the general fund.

15 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
16 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,
17 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from
18 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of
19 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,
20 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state
21 mandate included in the bill.

22 The bill takes effect January 1, 2021.

23 The bill shall be known as Adalynn's law.