

SENATE No. 1359

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the Architectural Access Board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael J. Barrett

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Middlesex

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1359) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation relative to the Architectural Access Board. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1379 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the Architectural Access Board.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 13A of chapter 22 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by sections 40 and 41 of chapter 6 of the Acts of 2017, is hereby amended by striking
3 out the second and third sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sentences:- Two
4 of the appointive members shall be architects licensed to practice in the commonwealth. One of
5 the appointive members shall be a licensed building inspector. Three of the appointive members
6 shall be selected after consultation with advocacy groups on behalf of persons with disabilities.

7 SECTION 2. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 of the General Laws, as it appears in
8 the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 39 and 40, the
9 words “public buildings accessible to, functional for, and safe for use by physically handicapped
10 persons” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- buildings, including areas that are

11 not generally in public use under the Department of Justice’s Americans with Disabilities Act
12 Standards for Accessible Design, accessible to, functional for and safe for use by persons with
13 disabilities.

14 SECTION 3. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
15 amended by striking out, in lines 43 and 44, the following words “for businesses, auditoriums,
16 sporting or recreational facilities, or cultural centers”.

17 SECTION 4. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
18 amended by striking out, in lines 46 to 48, the words “of handicapped persons or for vehicles
19 used to transport such handicapped persons if the number of parking spaces in any such area is
20 fifteen or more. The parking spaces reserved for vehicles of such handicapped persons shall be
21 clearly marked as such” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- authorized to
22 display handicapped plates or placards under section 2 of chapter 90; provided, that the parking
23 requirements shall be consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for
24 Accessible Design.

25 SECTION 5. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
26 amended by striking out, in line 52, the words “for physically handicapped persons” and
27 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and accessible.

28 SECTION 6. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
29 amended by striking out, in lines 55 to 57, the words “; provided, however, that the dwelling is
30 constructed for first occupancy after March thirteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-one” and
31 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and (3) all public use and common use portions
32 of such multiple dwellings.

33 SECTION 7. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
34 amended by inserting after the word “to”, in line 60, the following words:- or greater than.

35 SECTION 8. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
36 hereby further amended by inserting after the word “Act”, in line 61, the following words:- , the
37 Department of Justice’s Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design.

38 SECTION 9 Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
39 amended by inserting after the word “buildings”, in line 64, the following words:- and facilities.

40 SECTION 10. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
41 amended by inserting after the word “buildings”, in line 74, the following words:- and facilities.

42 SECTION 11. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
43 amended by striking out, in lines 79 and 80, the words “handicapped persons,” and inserting in
44 place thereof the following words:- persons with a disability.

45 SECTION 12. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
46 amended by striking out, in lines 87 and 88 the word “newspaper” and inserting in place thereof
47 the following words:- forms of.

48 SECTION 13. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
49 amended by inserting after the word “building”, in line 92, the following words:- or facility.

50 SECTION 14. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
51 amended by inserting after the word “building”, in line 93, the following words:- or facility.

52 SECTION 15. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
53 amended by inserting after the word “a”, in line 93, the following words:- residential use or a.

54 SECTION 16. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
55 amended by striking out, in line 94, the word “is” and inserting in place thereof , the following
56 words:- or facility is.

57 SECTION 17. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
58 amended by inserting after the word “building”, in line 95, the following words:- or facility.

59 SECTION 18. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
60 amended by striking out, in lines 101 and 102, the words “physically handicapped persons” and
61 inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with a disability.

62 SECTION 19. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
63 amended by striking out the eighth paragraph.

64 SECTION 20. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
65 amended by striking out, in lines 130 and 131, the word “person” and inserting in place thereof
66 the following words:- building, or portion thereof,.

67 SECTION 21. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
68 amended by inserting after the word “building”, in line 149, the second time it appears, the
69 following words:- or facility.

70 SECTION 22. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
71 amended by inserting after the word “building”, in line 165, the following word:- , facility.

72 SECTION 23. Said section 13A of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further
73 amended by striking out, in lines 176, 178, and 186, each time they appear, the words

74 “physically handicapped persons” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following
75 words:- persons with a disability.

76 SECTION 24. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
77 amended by inserting after the definition of “Construction” the following definition:- “Facility”,
78 all or any portion of a building, structure, site improvement, complex, equipment, road, walk,
79 passageway, parking lot or other real or personal property, including the site where the building,
80 property, structure or equipment is located.

81 SECTION 25. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
82 amended by striking out, in line 199, the words “Physically handicapped person” and inserting in
83 place thereof the following words:- Person with a disability.

84 SECTION 26. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
85 amended by striking out, in line 203, the words “Physically handicapped persons” and inserting
86 in place thereof the following words:- A person with a disability.

87 SECTION 27. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further
88 amended by striking out the definition of “Public building” and inserting in place thereof the
89 following definition:-

90 “Public building”, buildings constructed by the commonwealth or any political
91 subdivision thereof with public funds and open to public use, including, but not limited to, the
92 places of public accommodation listed in 28 CFR 36.104.