

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Barrett***

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*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 requiring universal changing stations in public buildings.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Third Middlesex*

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act requiring universal changing stations in public buildings.

*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. Section 93 of chapter 143 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following definitions after the fifth  
3 paragraph:-

4 “Universal changing station”, an adult sized changing table designed to hold at least  
5 350lbs that is located within an enclosed restroom facility that is for use by persons of any age  
6 who require assistance with diapering and is accessible by persons of any sex.

7 "State owned and maintained”, a building with a public bathroom belonging to, funded  
8 by, and controlled by the commonwealth of Massachusetts, its political subdivisions, and its  
9 public authorities and other public instrumentalities.

10 SECTION 2. Said section 93 of said chapter 143 is hereby further amended by adding the  
11 following paragraph after the definitions:- Any state owned and maintained public building or  
12 place of public accommodation containing a public toilet room that is newly constructed,  
13 reconstructed or remodeled on or after January 1, 2027 shall install and maintain at least one

14 universal changing station. The bathroom shall be conspicuously marked as containing a public  
15 universal size changing table. The changing table shall be capable of supporting a minimum of  
16 350 pounds and providing a changing surface of 70 inches minimum in length and 30 inches  
17 minimum in width. The changing surface height shall be adjustable at variable heights from 17  
18 inches minimum to 38 inches maximum above the floor as measured to the top of the changing  
19 surface.

20 SECTION 3. Said section 93 of said chapter 143 is hereby further amended by adding the  
21 following after the sixth paragraph:- The board shall adopt regulations regarding the requirement  
22 that any state owned and maintained public building that is newly constructed, reconstructed or  
23 remodeled on or after January 1, 2027 install and maintain at least one universal changing  
24 station.

25 (a) The regulations adopted by the board shall be aligned with the specifications  
26 determined in the 2024 International Building Code (IBC) section 1110.4, Adult Changing  
27 Stations and the International Code Council A117.1 Supplement 1: Standard for Accessible and  
28 Usable Buildings and Facilities; Section 613: Adult Changing Stations. These include but are not  
29 limited to:

30 (1) a requirement that the entrance to each universal changing station has conspicuous  
31 signage indicating the location of the station;

32 (2) a requirement that if a public building has a central directory, said central directory  
33 must indicate the location of the universal changing station;

34 (3) a requirement for signage indicating the weight capacity and instructions for operation  
35 of the changing station within the room;

36 (4) a requirement that all universal changing stations shall:

37 (A) be equipped with a height-adjustable changing table capable of supporting a  
38 minimum of 350 pounds and providing a changing surface of 70 inches minimum in length and  
39 30 inches minimum in width. The changing surface height shall be adjustable at variable heights  
40 from 17 inches minimum to 38 inches maximum above the floor as measured to the top of the  
41 changing surface;

42 (B) provide safety features of sidebar rails and safety belts;

43 (C) be located inside a private restroom or in a private stall, enclosed area or privacy  
44 screen within a multi-stall restroom;

45 (D) provide adequate space for assistance, following the IBC guidelines for end and side  
46 clearance; and

47 (E) comply with all requirements of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act;

48 (5) any other issues regarding implementation that the board deems appropriate.

49 (b) If the board determines that the inclusion of a wall mounted, adjustable height  
50 universal changing table is not feasible or would destroy historic significance of a historic  
51 property, the board may allow instead for the placement of a freestanding, mobile, height-  
52 adjustable universal changing table.

53 (c) The board may grant an exemption from the requirements of this section if it  
54 determines:

55 (1) the installation would create a condition that does not comply with the Americans  
56 with Disabilities Act standards for access for persons with disabilities.

57 (2) the cost of the proposed reconstruction or remodeling without the inclusion of a  
58 changing table does not exceed \$10,000.