By Senator Book

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to baby-changing tables; creating s. 553.865, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Florida Building Commission to incorporate into the Florida Building Code specified requirements and a certain exemption related to baby-changing tables; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 553.865, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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553.865 Baby-changing table requirements; incorporation into the Florida Building Code.—

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(1) As used in this section, the term:

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(a) "Baby-changing table" means a table or other device that is installed in a separate, designated location for the purpose of changing an infant's or child's diaper or clothing.

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(b) "Building" means any of the following:

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2. A sports arena or stadium.

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3. A convention center, auditorium, or exhibition hall.

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4. A public library.

5. A passenger terminal.

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6. An amusement park in a permanent location.

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7. A restaurant with a seating capacity of at least 50 persons, except when there is a baby-changing table within 300 feet of the restaurant's entrance.

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8. A shopping center or shopping mall larger than 25,000

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square feet.

9. A retail store larger than 5,000 square feet.

- (2) Pursuant to s. 553.73(1), the commission shall adopt by rule a requirement that, except as provided in paragraph (3)(d), a baby-changing table be available in any building that is newly constructed or undergoes substantial renovation on or after October 1, 2019, and that has a restroom open to the public. As used in this subsection, the term "substantial renovation" means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement that involves more than 50 percent of the gross floor area occupied by the building and that includes structural changes to any existing public restroom.
- (3) The rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this section must require or provide at least all of the following:
- (a) On each floor that contains a restroom, the building must have at least one baby-changing table accessible to women and at least one baby-changing table accessible to men or at least one baby-changing table accessible to both women and men.
- (b) The building must have signage indicating the location of each baby-changing table.
- (c) For any building that has a central directory and multiple establishments, such as a shopping center or shopping mall, the directory must indicate the location of all baby-changing tables on the premises.
- (d) An exemption for buildings when the cost of installation of the required baby-changing table would exceed 10 percent of the total construction or renovation costs.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2019.