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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to universal changing places; creating
3 s. 553.5145, F.S.; defining terms; requiring certain
4 entities to install and maintain at least one
5 universal changing place at specified locations;
6 specifying requirements for a universal changing
7 place; providing applicability; providing an effective
8 date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 553.5145, Florida Statutes, is created
13 to read:

14 553.5145 Universal changing place.—

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

16 (a) "Physical disability" means a condition of physical
17 incapacitation due to a developmental disability, organic brain
18 damage, or mental illness, or one or more physical or mental
19 limitations that restrict a person's ability to perform the
20 normal activities of daily living.

21 (b) "Place of public accommodation" has the same meaning as
22 in section 106.5 of the Florida Accessibility Code for Building
23 Construction.

24 (c) "Professional office of a health care provider" has the
25 same meaning as in section 106.5 of the Florida Accessibility
26 Code for Building Construction.

27 (d) "Public building or facility" has the same meaning as
28 in section 106.5 of the Florida Accessibility Code for Building
29 Construction.

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30 (e) "Universal changing place" means an enclosed family or
31 assisted-use toilet facility containing a powered, height-
32 adjustable adult changing table that is either floor or wall
33 mounted with a safety rail and that can be used by a person of
34 either sex, with his or her care provider, if applicable, for
35 personal hygiene purposes.

36 (2) A person, private firm, organization, corporation, or
37 state or local government that operates a place of public
38 accommodation or public building or facility shall install and
39 maintain at least one universal changing place at each of the
40 following locations in a family restroom facility for persons of
41 either sex who have a physical disability:

42 (a) Places of exhibition or entertainment, which include
43 movie theaters, theaters, concert halls, sports arenas, and
44 stadiums.

45 (b) Shopping centers, shopping malls, or stores of at least
46 40,000 square feet.

47 (c) Places of public display or collection, which include
48 museums, libraries, and galleries.

49 (d) Places of recreation, which include parks, zoos, and
50 amusement parks.

51 (e) Places of education, which include elementary,
52 secondary, undergraduate, and postgraduate private or public
53 schools.

54 (f) Social service centers, which include senior centers
55 and homeless shelters.

56 (g) Public buildings or facilities, which include any state
57 or local government buildings, rest areas, and state parks.

58 (h) Stations used for public transportation, which include

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59 airport terminals, depots, and bus stations.

60 (i) Professional offices of health care providers, which
61 include hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

62 (3) (a) The universal changing place must measure at least 8
63 feet by 10 feet, with adequate space for a wheelchair to
64 maneuver; be equipped with a powered, height-adjustable adult
65 changing table, a waste receptacle, a toilet, a lavatory, a soap
66 dispenser, and a paper towel dispenser; and comply with current
67 accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities
68 Act.

69 (b) The powered, height-adjustable adult changing table in
70 the universal changing place must:

71 1. Be able to lower to a height of no more than 8 inches
72 and raise to a height of no less than 34 inches;

73 2. Be at least 25 inches in width by 72 inches in length;
74 and

75 3. Support at least 350 pounds.

76 (c) The entrance to each universal changing place in the
77 family restroom facility must have accessible signage indicating
78 the location of the changing place. If a place of public
79 accommodation or public building or facility has a central
80 directory, the owner must ensure that the central directory
81 indicates the location of the universal changing place.

82 (4) This section applies to any place of public
83 accommodation or public building or facility that is open to the
84 public and is either:

85 (a) Built on or after January 1, 2021.

86 (b) An existing place of public accommodation or public
87 building or facility that applies for a building permit on or

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88 after January 1, 2021, for a renovation of a main facility, not
89 including a parking garage, estimated to cost \$15,000 or more.

90 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.