

By Senator Stewart

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public restroom requirements;
3 amending s. 553.86, F.S.; requiring the Florida
4 Building Commission to adopt certain requirements in
5 the Florida Building Code for certain public restroom
6 facilities newly constructed or renovated after a
7 specified date; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 553.86, Florida Statutes, is amended to
12 read:

13 553.86 Public restroom requirements ~~restrooms; ratio of~~
14 ~~facilities for men and women; application; incorporation into~~
15 ~~the Florida Building Code.~~—The Florida Building Commission shall
16 incorporate into the Florida Building Code, to be adopted by
17 rule pursuant to s. 553.73(1):r

18 (1) A ratio of public restroom facilities for men and women
19 which must be provided in all buildings that are newly
20 constructed after September 30, 1992, and that have restrooms
21 open to the public. This subsection ~~section~~ does not apply to
22 establishments licensed under chapter 509 if the establishment
23 does not provide meeting or banquet rooms that ~~which~~ accommodate
24 more than 150 persons and the establishment has at least the
25 same number of water closets for women as the combined total of
26 water closets and urinals for men.

27 (2) For public restroom facilities with a wheelchair
28 accessible toilet compartment or a single-user toilet room which
29 are newly constructed or renovated after July 1, 2024, both of

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30 the following requirements:

31 (a) That a hook be installed within the reach range of an
32 average-sized person while the person is sitting on the toilet
33 seat.

34 (b) That such public restroom facilities must otherwise be
35 in compliance with ss. 553.501-553.513 and all applicable
36 requirements set forth in the Florida Accessibility Code for
37 Building Construction.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.