

By: Representative Crawford

To: Public Property;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1118

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-6-113, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC BUILDING UNDER THE POWER AND CONTROL OF THE
3 STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AS WELL AS ANY PRIVATE
4 OR COMMERCIAL BUSINESS THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ASSEMBLY OR
5 AMUSEMENT PURPOSES AND CONSTRUCTED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2018, TO
6 HAVE AT LEAST ONE RESTROOM FACILITY LOCATED THEREIN WITH AN ADULT
7 CHANGING STATION FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES; TO
8 REQUIRE SUCH BUILDINGS THAT WERE CONSTRUCTED BEFORE JULY 1, 2018,
9 TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN AN ADULT CHANGING STATION BY JANUARY 1,
10 2021; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-6-113, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
13 amended as follows:

14 43-6-113. (1) An appropriate number of * * * restrooms
15 shall be accessible to, and usable by, the physically handicapped
16 and shall have space to allow traffic of individuals in
17 wheelchairs.

18 (2) * * * Restrooms for each sex shall have at least one (1)
19 toilet stall that:

20 (a) Is three (3) feet wide;

21 (b) Is at least four (4) feet eight (8) inches,
22 preferably five (5) feet deep;



23 (c) Has a door (where doors are used) that is
24 thirty-two (32) inches wide and swings out;

25 (d) Has handrails on each side, thirty-three (33)
26 inches high and parallel to the floor, one and one-half (1½)
27 inches in outside diameter, with one and one-half (1½) inches
28 clearance between rail and wall, and fastened securely at ends and
29 center; and

30 (e) Has a water closet with the seat twenty (20) inches
31 from the floor.

32 (3) Such * * * restrooms shall have at least one (1)
33 lavatory with a narrow apron, which when mounted at standard
34 height is usable by individuals in wheelchairs, or shall have
35 lavatories mounted higher, when particular designs demand, so that
36 they are usable by individuals in wheelchairs.

37 (4) Mirrors and shelves shall be provided above such
38 lavatory at a height as low as practicable and no higher than
39 forty (40) inches above the floor, measured from the top of the
40 shelf and the bottom of the mirror.

41 (5) * * * Restrooms for men which have wall-mounted urinals
42 shall have an appropriate number of such urinals with the opening
43 of the basin nineteen (19) inches from the floor, or shall have
44 floor-mounted urinals that are on level with the main floor of
45 the * * * restroom.

46 (6) * * * Restrooms shall have an appropriate number of
47 towel racks, towel dispensers, and other dispensers and disposal



48 units mounted with openings of dispensers or receptacles no higher
49 than forty (40) inches from the floor.

50 (7) Each public building under the power and control of the
51 state or any of its political subdivisions, as well as any private
52 or commercial business that is open to the public for assembly or
53 amusement purposes constructed on or after July 1, 2018, shall
54 have at least one (1) restroom facility located therein with an
55 adult changing station for persons with physical disabilities,
56 which is accessible to both men and women. By January 1, 2021,
57 each public building, private or commercial business that is open
58 to the public for assembly or amusement purposes, which was
59 constructed before July 1, 2018, shall install and maintain an
60 adult changing station for persons with physical disabilities,
61 which is accessible to both men and women. The adult changing
62 station shall meet all of the following requirements:

63 (a) (i) Has conspicuous signage at the entrance of
64 each adult changing station indicating the location of the
65 station; and

66 (ii) If there is a central directory, the
67 directory shall indicated the location of the adult changing
68 station;

69 (b) Has a table with a weight capacity of at least four
70 hundred (400) pounds;



71 (c) Has a table with a minimum length of at least
72 seventy-two (72) inches and a minimum width of at least eighteen
73 (18) inches from the wall;

74 (d) Has a table that sits at a minimum height of
75 eighteen (18) inches from the floor;

76 (e) Is located in an enclosed area of the restroom that
77 fits the table in an open position that accommodates a wheelchair
78 and a caregiver.

79 (8) For purposes of this section the following terms shall
80 having the meaning ascribed in this subsection, unless the context
81 clearly requires otherwise:

82 (a) "Adult changing station" means an area in which an
83 adult changing table has been placed within an enclosed restroom
84 facility that is for use by persons with physical disabilities who
85 are in need of assistance with diapering.

86 (b) "Adult changing table" means a wall mounted,
87 folding ergonomic table for the special needs diapering of adults.

88 (c) "Place of public assembly or amusement" means an
89 auditorium, convention center, cultural complex, exhibition hall,
90 permanent amusement park structure, sports arena or theater or
91 movie house that has a minimum occupancy capacity of five hundred
92 (500) people.

93 (d) "Physical disability" means a permanent physical
94 disability, mental illness or intellectual disability as defined
95 in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.



96 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
97 and after July 1, 2018.

