GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 515 HOUSE BILL 1108

AN ACT TO ENACT THE PUBLIC BATHROOM EQUITY ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Building Code Council shall review the North Carolina State Building Code and shall study it to assure (i) that an adequate number of rest room fixtures are available for women at newly constructed, publicly and privately owned facilities where the public congregates, (ii) that at facilities in which diaper-changing tables are provided in women's rest rooms, diaper-changing tables are also provided in men's rest rooms, (iii) that the doors to the rest room stalls open to the outside and (iv) that unisex bathrooms identified as "Unisex-Disabled/Handicapped only"with fixtures for handicapped persons are placed in strategic locations of large shopping centers, airports, major public buildings, and highway rest stops, so that spouses and other attendants may physically assist handicapped persons with their toileting requirements.

Sec. 2. The Building Code Council shall report to the Human Resources Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives during the Regular 1992 Session of the 1991 General Assembly on its study and recommendations made pursuant to this act.

Sec. 3. Nothing in this act shall require additional appropriations. The provisions of this act shall be carried out with existing agency funds.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of July, 1991.

James C. Gardner President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr. Speaker of the House of Representatives