

AN ACT concerning health.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Environmental Barriers Act is amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

(410 ILCS 25/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 3714)

Sec. 4. Standards. The Capital Development Board shall adopt and publish accessibility standards. Accessibility standards for public facilities shall dictate minimum design, construction and alteration requirements to facilitate access to and use of the public facility by environmentally limited persons. Accessibility standards for multi-story housing units shall dictate minimum design and construction requirements to facilitate access to and use of the common areas by environmentally limited persons and create a number of adaptable dwelling units in accordance with Section 5. With respect to areas within public facilities or multi-story housing units which areas are restricted to use by the employees of businesses or concerns occupying such restricted areas, the Capital Development Board shall promulgate standards designed to ensure that such areas will be accessible to those environmentally limited persons who can reasonably be expected to perform the duties of a job therein.

The standards shall be adopted and revised in accordance with The Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the Capital Development Board shall begin the process of updating the 1997 Illinois Accessibility Code and shall model the updates on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. By no later than January 1, 2016, the Capital Development Board shall adopt and publish the updated Illinois Accessibility Code. The updated Illinois Accessibility Code may be more stringent than the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design and may identify specific standards. Beginning on January 1, 2016, if the ADA Standards for Accessible Design are updated, then the Capital Development Board shall update its accessibility standards, in keeping with the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, within 2 years after the ADA Standards for Accessible Design updates and shall adopt and publish an updated Illinois Accessibility Code.

The Capital Development Board may issue written interpretation of the standards adopted under Section 4 of this Act. The Capital Development Board shall issue an interpretation within 30 calendar days of receipt of a request by certified mail unless a longer period is agreed to by the parties. Interpretations issued under this Section are project specific and do not constitute precedent for future or different circumstances.

(Source: P.A. 87-393.)