

1969 Assembly Bill 30

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CHAPTER 207, LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to renumber 101.305 (2); to repeal and recreate 101.305 (1); and to create 101.305 (2) of the statutes, relating to reasonable means of access, ingress and egress for handicapped persons to public buildings and places of employment.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 101.305 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

101.305 (1) (a) Any place of employment or public building, the initial construction of which is commenced after July 1, 1970, shall be so designed and constructed as to provide reasonable means of ingress and egress by the physically handicapped with the exception of:

1. Apartment houses with less than 20 units, row houses and rooming houses;
2. Convents and monasteries;
3. Jails or other places of detention;
4. Garages, hangars and boathouses;
5. All buildings classified as hazardous occupancies;
6. Warehouses; and
7. State buildings specifically built for field service purposes such as but not limited to conservation fire towers, fish hatcheries, tree nursery buildings.
8. University residence halls at universities which have at least 3 residence halls for men and 3 residence halls for women so constructed as to allow physically handicapped persons reasonable means of ingress and egress to such buildings.

(b) The requirements of par. (a) may be accomplished by at least one ground or street level entrance and exit without steps, by ramps with slopes not more than one foot of rise in 12 feet, coated with a nonskid surface, or by elevator or such other arrangement as may be reasonably appropriate under the circumstances and which meets with the approval of the department of industry, labor and human relations or in lieu thereof with the approval of the municipality wherein the building is located. The doors of such entrance and exit must have a clear opening of at least 40 inches in width and shall otherwise conform to the department of industry, labor and human relations building code.

(c) If any ground or street level entrance or exit is not so designed or constructed a sign shall be placed at such entrance or exit indicating the location of the entrance or exit available for wheel chair service.

SECTION 2. 101.305 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 101.305 (3).

SECTION 3. 101.305 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

101.305 (2) Any place of employment or public building subject to sub. (1) (a), the initial construction of which is commenced after July 1, 1970, shall be so designed and constructed to allow physically handicapped persons reasonable means of access from a parking lot, if any, ancillary to such buildings and reasonable means of ingress and egress to at least one floor on which the primary business of such building is located.

Approved November 7, 1969.
