
HOUSE BILL 1263

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1 AN ACT Relating to powered automatic doors in buildings
2 accessible to the public; adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW;
3 and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Americans
6 with disabilities act requires public accommodations to provide goods
7 and services to people with disabilities on an equal basis with the
8 rest of the general public. The legislature finds that businesses can
9 often take advantage of federal tax incentives, such as the disabled
10 access credit and other business expense tax deductions for costs of
11 removing barriers in facilities, which are available to eligible
12 businesses to help cover the costs of making access improvements for
13 customers with disabilities. It is the intent of the legislature to
14 try to provide every individual the opportunity to benefit from
15 Washington's businesses and services, and to afford businesses and
16 services the opportunity to benefit from the patronage from all
17 persons.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, effective January
2 1, 2018, at least one exterior door at accessible public entrances in
3 state building code groups A, B, E, I, and M must be a fully powered
4 automatic door actuated by either a push button or a motion sensor.

5 (2) This section applies to any business that is five hundred
6 square feet or more and is:

7 (a) A new construction built on or after the effective date of
8 this section; or

9 (b) Renovated, remodeled, altered, improved, or repaired, on or
10 after the effective date of this section, unless the cost of adding a
11 powered automatic door is greater than twenty percent of the cost of
12 the portion of the renovation that impacts usability. Plumbing and
13 electrical repairs or alterations are excluded and are not considered
14 a building renovation, remodel, improvement, or repair for purposes
15 of this section.

16 (3) The building code council shall adopt rules by January 1,
17 2018, to implement this section.

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