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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the availability of baby diaper 2 changing stations; and adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW.

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

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 19.27 5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) (a) In any construction or renovation subject to the 7 requirements of this chapter in which public restrooms are required under the international building code as amended and adopted by the 8 state building code council, the rules adopted by the state building 9 code council must also require within the building the provision of a 10 11 safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing station in at 12 least one restroom that is accessible to women and one restroom that 13 is accessible to men, or in one gender-neutral restroom. If multiple 14 restrooms accessible to women, restrooms accessible to men, or gender-neutral restrooms exist, each restroom that does not include a 15 16 baby diaper changing station must contain clear and conspicuous 17 signage indicating where a restroom with a baby diaper changing station is located. 18

(b) This section does not apply to an industrial building or to a commercial building that does not permit anyone who is under 18 years of age to enter the premises. This section also does not apply to a

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1 restroom located in a health care facility if the restroom is 2 intended for the use of one patient or resident at a time and is not 3 available for public use. For the purposes of this section, "health 4 care facility" has the same meaning as in RCW 70.02.010.

5 (2) The rules required under this section must take effect and be 6 implemented by July 1, 2025, and may be periodically updated 7 thereafter.

8 (3) For the purposes of this section:

9 (a) "Baby diaper changing station" means a table or other device 10 suitable for changing the diaper of a child weighing less than 50 11 pounds that is in compliance with international building code 12 standards as amended and adopted by the state building code council.

13 (b) "Gender-neutral restroom" means a restroom that is not 14 restricted by gender including, but not limited to, restrooms 15 available for use by families.

16 (c) "Renovation" means a change to a public restroom for which a 17 permit is required.

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