

HOUSE No. 3774

By Mr. Lapointe of Chicopee, petition of Francis C. Lapointe for legislation to require all public buildings to use the international symbol of access to handicapped people signs. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO USE THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS TO HANDICAPPED PEOPLE SIGNS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 3X the following section: —
- 3 *Section 3Y.* All public owned buildings which are accessible to
- 4 physically disabled persons, or which have facilities rendering
- 5 them accessible to physically disabled persons, shall be required to
- 6 mark said facilities with the International Symbol of Access Sign.
- 7 This symbol should indicate doorways wide enough to admit a
- 8 wheelchair, entrances which are either at ground level or have a
- 9 ramp, drinking fountains and telephones that can be reached by a
- 10 person in a wheelchair, restrooms that will admit wheelchairs, and
- 11 which have support bars to assist disabled users, parking spaces
- 12 wide enough to permit transfer from vehicle to chair, and other
- 13 facilities that have been planned and constructed without barriers.
- 14 It must never be used where barriers exist.

