

SENATE No. 1802

By Mr. Berry, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1802) of Frederick E. Berry for legislation to further define the duties of the Architectural Access Board. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE DUTIES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD.

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

1 SECTION 1. The sixth paragraph of section 13A of chapter 22
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition,
3 is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting
4 in place thereof the following two sentences: — The board shall
5 take such other actions as may be necessary and appropriate to
6 encourage and assist all state and local building inspectors to
7 enforce the provisions of this section, rules and regulations
8 promulgated hereunder and decisions of the board. Said board
9 shall provide training and technical assistance at least, annually,
10 to said building inspectors whose attendance at such training and
11 technical assistance programs shall be mandatory.

1 SECTION 2. The ninth paragraph of said section 13A of said
2 chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following sentence: — Building inspectors shall attend at least,
4 annually, training sessions provided by the board which shall be
5 designed to familiarize said building inspectors with regulations
6 and codes pertaining to accessibility issues.

1 SECTION 3. The second paragraph of section 3 of chapter 143
2 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following sentence: — Each inspector of buildings or
4 building commissioner shall, immediately following his
5 appointment to said position, be required to attend a training

6 session, at his own expense, provided by the architectural access
7 board pursuant to said section thirteen A of said chapter twenty-
8 two relative to regulations and codes pertaining to accessibility
9 issues.

1 SECTION 4. The third paragraph of said section 3 of said
2 chapter 143, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out
3 the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
4 two sentences: — In addition, such persons shall have a general
5 knowledge of the quality and strength of building materials; a
6 general knowledge of the accepted requirements for building
7 construction, fire prevention, light, ventilation and safe exits; a
8 general knowledge of the requirements of section thirteen A of
9 chapter twenty-two and the rules and regulations promulgated
10 thereunder relative to accessible design standards and a general
11 knowledge of other equipment and materials essential for safety,
12 comfort, and convenience of the occupants of a building or
13 structure. Each local inspector shall, immediately following his
14 appointment to said position, be required to attend a training
15 session, at his own expense, provided by the architectural access
16 board pursuant to said section thirteen A of said chapter twenty-
17 two relative to regulations and codes pertaining to accessibility
18 issues.