

House Resolution 1162

By: Representatives Allen of the 40th and Anulewicz of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the following commercial public facilities to have at least one gender neutral adult
2 changing station with an adult changing table and appropriate signage: facilities with an
3 occupant load greater than 1,000 people (if obtaining a permit for construction or renovation
4 on or after January 1, 2021), facilities under the jurisdiction of the Safety Fire Commissioner,
5 and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents of the University System of
6 Georgia; and for other purposes.

7 WHEREAS, according to a 2015 survey conducted by Cornell University, nearly 1.2 million
8 noninstitutionalized Georgians from all age groups live with a disability that prevents them
9 from performing basic daily tasks; and

10 WHEREAS, since only the most severe disabilities qualify for state support through the
11 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the number of Georgians
12 living with disabilities reported by the state is much lower than the total found by Cornell
13 University; and

14 WHEREAS, parents of older children with special needs require adequate accommodations
15 in public facilities in order to perform the parental responsibilities necessary to meet the
16 needs of their children; and

17 WHEREAS, caretakers of older adults and seniors with physical disabilities require adequate
18 accommodations in public facilities in order to perform the responsibilities necessary to meet
19 the needs of individuals in their care; and

20 WHEREAS, changing stations intended for infants are inadequate for older children with
21 special needs and for older adults and seniors with physical disabilities; attempting to use
22 such a station for an older child, an older adult, or a senior could result in damage to the
23 station or injury to the individual; and

24 WHEREAS, children and adults living with special needs deserve the dignity of having
25 access to proper facilities and accommodations in public spaces.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body urge the following commercial public facilities to have at least one
28 gender neutral adult changing station with an adult changing table and appropriate signage:
29 facilities with an occupant load greater than 1,000 people (if obtaining a permit for
30 construction or renovation on or after January 1, 2021), facilities under the jurisdiction of the
31 Safety Fire Commissioner, and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents of the
32 University System of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 public and the press.