

# HOUSE BILL 321

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By: **Delegate Ebersole**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Buildings – Changing Facilities – Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, except under certain circumstances, that a changing facility  
4 suitable for changing the diaper of a child and providing personal care for an adult  
5 be installed in certain public restrooms in certain public buildings on or before a  
6 certain date; requiring certain entities responsible for the enforcement of this Act to  
7 report to 2–1–1 Maryland, Inc., the location of changing facilities when changing  
8 facilities are installed; requiring 2–1–1 Maryland, Inc., to maintain on its website a  
9 list containing all the locations of certain changing facilities; altering a certain  
10 definition; and generally relating to changing facilities in public buildings.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
13 Section 2–801 through 2–803 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 8. Changing  
14 Facilities”  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

20 Subtitle 8. [Diaper–Changing] **CHANGING** Facilities.

21 2–801.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) **["Diaper-changing] "CHANGING facility"** means a table or other device  
2 suitable for changing the diaper of a child under the age of 4 years **AND PROVIDING**  
3 **PERSONAL CARE FOR AN ADULT.**

4 (c) (1) "Public building" means a building, a structure, or an improved area  
5 that is:

6 (i) owned by the State or a political subdivision of the State; or

7 (ii) constructed for lease by the State or a political subdivision of the  
8 State.

9 (2) "Public building" includes:

10 (i) a public mass transportation accommodation, such as a terminal  
11 or station, that is supported by public funds; and

12 (ii) an improvement of a public area used for gathering or  
13 amusement, including a public park or recreation center.

14 (3) "Public building" does not include a facility that is primarily used to  
15 provide primary or secondary education.

16 (d) "Public restroom" means a sanitary facility available to the general public that  
17 contains at least one toilet or urinal.

18 (e) "Substantial renovation" means a construction or renovation project with an  
19 estimated cost of \$30,000 or more.

20 2-802.

21 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, in a public building, a  
22 **[diaper-changing] CHANGING facility SUITABLE FOR CHANGING THE DIAPER OF A**  
23 **CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 4 YEARS** shall be installed in at least one public restroom or,  
24 if the restrooms are divided by gender, in at least one men's public restroom and one  
25 women's public restroom if:

26 (1) the public building is constructed on or after October 1, 2019;

27 (2) a public restroom is constructed in a public building on or after October  
28 1, 2019; or

29 (3) a public restroom in a public building undergoes substantial renovation  
30 on or after October 1, 2019.

31 (b) **[(1) The Board of Public Works, through the Department of General**

1 Services, shall adopt standards that a diaper-changing facility must meet in order to  
2 comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

3 (2) The standards shall be filed with the Secretary of State] **EXCEPT AS**  
4 **PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IN A PUBLIC BUILDING, A**  
5 **CHANGING FACILITY SHALL BE INSTALLED IN AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC RESTROOM OR,**  
6 **IF THE RESTROOMS ARE DIVIDED BY GENDER, IN AT LEAST ONE MEN’S PUBLIC**  
7 **RESTROOM AND ONE WOMEN’S PUBLIC RESTROOM IF:**

8 (1) **THE PUBLIC BUILDING IS CONSTRUCTED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER**  
9 **1, 2022;**

10 (2) **THE PUBLIC RESTROOM IS CONSTRUCTED IN A PUBLIC BUILDING**  
11 **ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2022; OR**

12 (3) **A PUBLIC RESTROOM IN A PUBLIC BUILDING UNDERGOES**  
13 **SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATION ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2022.**

14 (c) A [diaper-changing] **CHANGING** facility is not required to be installed under  
15 this section if a building inspector that has jurisdiction over the public building determines  
16 that the installation of a [diaper-changing] **CHANGING** facility:

17 (1) is not practicable; or

18 (2) would result in a failure to comply with applicable building standards  
19 governing the right of access for individuals with disabilities.

20 (D) (1) **THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
21 **GENERAL SERVICES, SHALL ADOPT STANDARDS THAT A CHANGING FACILITY MUST**  
22 **MEET IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

23 (2) **THE STANDARDS SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF**  
24 **STATE.**

25 2-803.

26 (a) The Department of General Services, the University System of Maryland, and  
27 the Department of Transportation are responsible for the enforcement of this subtitle in  
28 the public buildings under each entity’s control if:

29 (1) any State capital nonschool funds are used; or

30 (2) construction is on State-owned land.

31 (b) The governing body of a political subdivision is responsible for the

1 enforcement of this subtitle if:

2 (1) construction is not on State-owned land;

3 (2) funds of the political subdivision are used; and

4 (3) no State funds are used, except for State funds for school construction.

5 (C) (1) AN ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS  
6 SUBTITLE SHALL REPORT THE LOCATION OF A CHANGING FACILITY TO 2-1-1  
7 MARYLAND, INC., WHEN THE CHANGING FACILITY IS INSTALLED.

8 (2) 2-1-1 MARYLAND, INC., SHALL MAINTAIN ON ITS WEBSITE A LIST  
9 CONTAINING ALL THE LOCATIONS OF THE CHANGING FACILITIES REPORTED UNDER  
10 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2021.