AN ACT
RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Costa, McNamara, Lombardi, and Dickinson

Date Introduced: February 07, 2013
Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-118.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled "State Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

23-27.3-118.2. Ramps for disabled persons. – (a) No municipality shall require that a fee be paid for the construction or repair of an access ramp for disabled persons to a residential R-4 use group.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any zoning ordinance to the contrary, ramps, lifts and other accommodation alternatives necessary for compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) relating to accessibility shall be permitted as needed in the front, side or rear yards of existing structures, including those which have been built-out or converted to commercial uses.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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