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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Senators Murray, Euer, Bell, Nesselbush, and Goldin

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 23-27.3 of the General Laws entitled "State Building Code" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **23-27.3-702. Gender inclusive restroom act.**

4           (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, any  
5 single-user toilet facility in a public building or place of public accommodation that exists or is  
6 constructed on or after September 1, 2020, shall be made available for use by persons of any gender,  
7 and designated for use by not more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use. A  
8 single-user toilet facility may be identified by a sign; provided, that the sign marks the facility as a  
9 restroom and does not indicate one specific gender.

10          (b) A municipality may apply to the local building official for a waiver of this provision in  
11 the case of unreasonable hardship.

12          (c) During any inspection of a public building or a place of public accommodation by an  
13 inspector, building official, or other local official responsible for code enforcement, the inspector  
14 or official may inspect for compliance with this section.

15          SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would make any single-user toilet facility in a public building or place of public
- 2 accommodation available for use by persons of any gender.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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