

# HB2522



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2522

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Legislative Accessibility Act. Provides that the General Assembly shall make all efforts to increase public accessibility to the General Assembly, and specifies the efforts to be included. Provides that the Secretary of State shall make all efforts to increase public accessibility to all State buildings. Provides specified accessibility requirements for the State Capitol Building and the James R. Thompson Center.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Legislative Accessibility Act.

6 Section 5. General Assembly accessibility.

7 (a) The General Assembly shall make all efforts to increase  
8 public accessibility to the General Assembly.

9 (b) Efforts to increase public accessibility of the General  
10 Assembly shall include, but not be limited to: (1) captioning  
11 of all television and live feed video events in the State  
12 Capitol Building; and (2) a formal process, advertised on the  
13 Illinois General Assembly website, to request and follow up on  
14 reasonable accommodations for people attending legislative  
15 events, including, but not limited to, all hearings and floor  
16 proceedings.

17 Section 10. State Building accessibility.

18 (a) The Secretary of State shall make all efforts to  
19 increase public accessibility to all State buildings.

20 (b) In addition to any upgrades which may be made under  
21 subsection (a), the State Capitol Building and the James R.  
22 Thompson Center shall, at a minimum:

1           (1) have at least one bathroom in the Capitol that has  
2 adult size changing beds;

3           (2) have at least one room as a sensory break space;

4           (3) post broken elevator alerts on the Illinois General  
5 Assembly website, with suggestions for alternate routes;

6           (4) develop and publicly post clear maps for the  
7 Capitol Building, the William G. Stratton Building, and the  
8 Michael J. Howlett Building to enable people to navigate  
9 more easily; and

10          (5) maintain a stock of at least 10 manual wheelchairs  
11 to be used by visitors to the Capitol.

12          (c) In addition to any upgrades which may be made under  
13 subsection (a), the James R. Thompson Center shall, at a  
14 minimum:

15           (1) have at least one bathroom that has adult size  
16 changing beds;

17           (2) have at least one room as a sensory break space;

18           (3) post readily accessible broken elevator alerts or  
19 notices, with suggestions for alternate routes;

20           (4) develop and publicly post clear maps for the  
21 Thompson Center and the surrounding area to enable people  
22 to navigate more easily; and

23           (5) maintain a stock of at least 10 manual wheelchairs  
24 to be used by visitors.