

No. 115. An act relating to disclosure of compliance with accessibility standards in the sale of residential construction.

(S.176)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2907 is amended to read:

§ 2907. ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS; RESIDENTIAL
CONSTRUCTION

(a) ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this chapter, “residential construction” means new construction of one family or multifamily dwellings. “Residential construction” shall not include a single family dwelling built by the owner for the personal occupancy of the owner and the owner’s family, or the assembly or placement of residential construction that is prefabricated or manufactured out of state.

(b) Any residential construction shall be built to comply with all the following standards:

(1) At least one first floor exterior door that is at least 36 inches wide.

(2) First floor interior doors between rooms that are at least 34 inches wide or open doorways that are at least 32 inches wide with thresholds that are level, ramped, or beveled.

(3) Interior hallways that are level and at least 36 inches wide.

(4) Environmental and utility controls and outlets that are located at heights that are in compliance with standards adopted by the Vermont ~~access board~~ Access Board.

(5) Bathroom walls that are reinforced to permit attachment of grab bars.

(c) A violation of this section shall neither affect marketability nor create a defect in title of the residential construction.

(d) Prior to the sale of residential construction, a seller shall provide written disclosure to a prospective buyer detailing whether the residential construction is in compliance with the standards described in subsection (b) of this section. Disclosure shall be made on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Access Board.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 17, 2016