

1 S.24

2 Introduced by Senators Sirotkin, Balint, and Baruth

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Residential housing; accessibility

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require
7 disclosure of compliance with accessibility standards prior to the sale of
8 residential construction.

9 An act relating to disclosure of compliance with accessibility standards in
10 the sale of residential construction

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

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

13 § 2907. ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS; RESIDENTIAL

14 CONSTRUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.