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**Act No. 127 (H.333). Health; Public buildings; gender-free restrooms**

**An act relating to identification of gender-free restrooms in public buildings and places of public accommodation**

This act amends requirements for single-user toilet facilities in public buildings and places of public accommodation as follows:

Sec. 1 establishes 18 V.S.A. chapter 40, which requires that a single-user toilet facility is made available for use by persons of any gender, and is designated for use by not more than one occupant at a time or for family use. Sec. 1 also provides that a sign may be used to identify a single-user toilet facility if the sign marks the facility as a restroom but does not indicate any specific gender. The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to inspect for compliance with the requirements of 18 V.S.A. chapter 40. In addition, Sec. 1 applies the requirements of the chapter to the plumbing code adopted by the Plumbers' Examining Board and directs the Plumbers' Examining Board to adopt rules to make plumbing fixture requirements consistent with the requirements of the chapter.

Sec. 2 amends 26 V.S.A. § 2173 to require that any rule adopted by the Plumbers' Examining Board is consistent with the requirements of 18 V.S.A. chapter 40.

Sec. 3 amends 26 V.S.A. § 2174 to require that municipal plumbing standards shall not prohibit implementation of 18 V.S.A. chapter 40.

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