

SENATE BILL 158

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By: **Senator Cassilly**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Lodging Establishments – Accessible Rooms for Individuals With**
3 **Disabilities – Bed Height**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each accessible room in a lodging establishment to be
5 furnished with a bed of a certain height, beginning on a certain date; requiring at
6 least certain percentages of accessible rooms in a lodging establishment to be
7 furnished with a bed of a certain height, beginning on certain dates; defining a
8 certain term; and generally relating to lodging establishments.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Business Regulation
11 Section 15–201(a) and (c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Business Regulation
16 Section 15–208
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Business Regulation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 15-201.

2 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (c) "Lodging establishment" means an inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment
4 that has at least four rooms available for a fee to transient guests for lodging or sleeping
5 purposes.

6 15-208.

7 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ACCESSIBLE ROOM" MEANS A ROOM IN A LODGING
8 ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRANSIENT
9 LODGING REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
10 ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.

11 (B) ~~EACH~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, EACH
12 ACCESSIBLE ROOM IN A LODGING ESTABLISHMENT SHALL BE FURNISHED WITH A
13 BED THAT:

14 (1) MEASURES AT LEAST 20 INCHES BUT NOT MORE THAN 23 INCHES
15 HIGH FROM THE FLOOR TO THE TOP OF THE MATTRESS, WHETHER OR NOT THE
16 MATTRESS IS COMPRESSED; AND

17 (2) HAS AT LEAST A 7-INCH VERTICAL CLEARANCE UNDER THE BED
18 FOR LIFT ACCESS.

19 (C) (1) BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 2021, EACH LODGING
20 ESTABLISHMENT SHALL FURNISH AT LEAST 25% OF THE LODGING
21 ESTABLISHMENT'S ACCESSIBLE ROOMS WITH A BED THAT MEETS THE
22 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (2) BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 2022, EACH LODGING
24 ESTABLISHMENT SHALL FURNISH AT LEAST 50% OF THE LODGING
25 ESTABLISHMENT'S ACCESSIBLE ROOMS WITH A BED THAT MEETS THE
26 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

27 (3) BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 2023, EACH LODGING
28 ESTABLISHMENT SHALL FURNISH AT LEAST 75% OF THE LODGING
29 ESTABLISHMENT'S ACCESSIBLE ROOMS WITH A BED THAT MEETS THE
30 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

31 (4) BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 2024, EACH ACCESSIBLE ROOM IN A
32 LODGING ESTABLISHMENT SHALL BE FURNISHED WITH A BED THAT MEETS THE
33 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.