

SENATE BILL 610

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By: **Senator Cassilly**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of altering the dates by which certain percentages of accessible rooms in
5 a lodging establishment are required to be furnished with a bed of a certain height;
6 and generally relating to lodging establishments.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Business Regulation
9 Section 15–201(a) and (c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Business Regulation
14 Section 15–208
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Business Regulation**

20 15–201.

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

22 (c) “Lodging establishment” means an inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment
23 that has at least four rooms available for a fee to transient guests for lodging or sleeping
24 purposes.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 15–208.

2 (a) In this section, “accessible room” means a room in a lodging establishment
3 that is required to be in compliance with the transient lodging requirements of the
4 Americans with Disabilities Act.

5 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, each accessible room in a lodging
6 establishment shall be furnished with a bed that:

7 (1) measures at least 20 inches but not more than 23 inches high from the
8 floor to the top of the mattress, whether or not the mattress is compressed; and

9 (2) has at least a 7–inch vertical clearance under the bed for lift access.

10 (c) (1) Beginning December 31, ~~[2021]~~ **2022**, each lodging establishment shall
11 furnish at least 25% of the lodging establishment’s accessible rooms with a bed that meets
12 the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

13 (2) Beginning December 31, ~~[2022]~~ **2023**, each lodging establishment shall
14 furnish at least 50% of the lodging establishment’s accessible rooms with a bed that meets
15 the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

16 (3) Beginning December 31, ~~[2023]~~ **2024**, each lodging establishment shall
17 furnish at least 75% of the lodging establishment’s accessible rooms with a bed that meets
18 the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

19 (4) Beginning December 31, ~~[2024]~~ **2025**, each accessible room in a lodging
20 establishment shall be furnished with a bed that meets the requirements of subsection (b)
21 of this section.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2021.