

**1973 Assembly Bill 559**

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**CHAPTER 201, Laws of 1973**

**AN ACT to create 101.13 (5) of the statutes, relating to toilets for handicapped persons in public buildings.**

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

101.13 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

101.13 (5) (a) Every place of employment and public building, except those described in sub. (2) (a) 1 to 8, the construction of which is begun after the effective date of this subsection (1973), on each floor that is accessible to handicapped persons, including persons in wheelchairs, which has public toilets shall have:

1. All public toilet rooms and at least one toilet compartment therein so designed and constructed that they will be suitable for entry and use by handicapped persons, including persons in wheelchairs;

2. The toilet compartment specified under par. (a) so designed and constructed to allow sufficient space between the front entrance of the compartment and adjacent furniture, fixtures or walls to permit the compartment door to open at least 95° and to allow a person in a wheelchair ample room to readily maneuver himself or the wheelchair into the compartment; and

3. At least one lavatory, sink, mirror and towel dispenser or hand drier in each public toilet room accessible to a handicapped person, including a person in a wheelchair, if such item is provided.

(b) Within 90 days after the effective date of this subsection (1973), the department shall adopt, by rule, specifications to effect the requirements of par. (a). The department, in so adopting rules, shall consider the specifications established in the most current revision of "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by, the Physically Handicapped", published by the American standards association of New York.

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