

CHAPTER 139

AN ACT to create 101.305 of the statutes, relating to approval of public buildings and drawings and specifications therefor.

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

101.305 of the statutes is created to read:

101.305 PUBLIC BUILDING REQUIREMENTS; APPROVALS.

(1) Any public building, including state-owned buildings or public housing projects, the construction of which is commenced after January 1, 1964, with the exception of: apartment houses with less than 20 units; row houses; rooming houses; convents and monasteries; jails or other places of detention; garages; hangers; boathouses; all buildings classified as hazardous occupancies; state buildings specifically built for field service purposes such as but not limited to conservation fire towers, fish hatcheries, tree nursery buildings and warehouses; and mercantile buildings shall be so designed and constructed as to provide reasonable means of ingress and egress by physically handicapped persons. This may be accomplished by at least one ground or street level entrance and exit without steps, by ramps with slopes not more than one foot of rise in 12 feet, coated with a nonskid surface, or by elevator or such other arrangement as may be reasonably appropriate under the circumstances and which meets with the approval of the industrial commission or in lieu thereof with the approval of the municipality wherein the building is located. The doors of such entrance and exit must have a clear opening of at least 40 inches in width and shall otherwise conform to the industrial commission building code. If any ground or street level entrance or exit is not so designed or constructed a sign shall be placed at such entrance or exit indicating the location of the entrance or exit available for wheel chair service.

(2) The owner of any building who fails to meet the requirements of this section may be required to reconstruct the same by mandatory injunction in a circuit court suit brought by any interested person. Such person shall be reimbursed, if successful, for all costs and disbursements plus such actual attorney fees as may be allowed by the court.

Approved June 26, 1963.