

Introduced by

Senators Laffen, Cook, Sorvaag

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-21.3-04.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the state building code and accessibility standards.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 ~~SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-21.3-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
5 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

6 ~~54-21.3-04.1. Accessibility standards.~~

7 ~~1. Notwithstanding section 54-21.3-04, every building or facility subject to the federal~~
8 ~~Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 [Pub. L. 101-336; 104 Stat. 327] must conform~~
9 ~~to the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility~~
10 ~~Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities as contained in the appendix to title 28, Code of~~
11 ~~Federal Regulations, part 36 [28 CFR 36].~~

12 ~~2. State and political subdivision entities may not claim the exceptions to the requirement~~
13 ~~that elevators be installed in certain buildings as those exceptions are stated in~~
14 ~~exception 1 to section 4.1.3(5) and in section 4.1.6(1)(k)(i) in the Americans with~~
15 ~~Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities found in the~~
16 ~~appendix to 28 CFR 36.~~

17 ~~3. A structural change to an existing state or political subdivision building or facility is not~~
18 ~~required if another method is effective in achieving compliance with regulations~~
19 ~~adopted under Public Law 101-336. For public accommodations, an alternative to a~~
20 ~~structural change in existing buildings or facilities is permitted only after it has been~~
21 ~~documented, in accordance with regulations adopted under Public Law 101-336, that~~
22 ~~a particular structural change is not readily achievable. A state agency or the~~
23 ~~governing body of a political subdivision shall require from any person preparing plans~~
24 ~~and specifications for a building or facility subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act~~

1 of 1990 [Pub. L. 101-336; 104 Stat. 327], a statement that the plans and specifications
2 are, in the professional judgment of that person, in conformance with the Americans
3 with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities found in the
4 appendix to 28 CFR 36, subject to the exception stated in this section. A statement of
5 conformance must be submitted to the department of commerce division of community
6 services for recording.

7 ~~4. A building classified within the state building code as assembly, business, educational,
8 instructional, or mercantile occupancy and required by the state building code to be
9 accessible must include at the primary exterior public entrance an automatic door or
10 power-assisted manual door that complies with the requirements of the Americans
11 with Disabilities Act of 1990 [Pub. L. 101-336; 104 Stat. 327].~~

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16 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 [Pub. L. 101-336; 104 Stat. 327] must conform to the
17 accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for
18 Buildings and Facilities as contained in the appendix to title 28, Code of Federal Regulations,
19 part 36 [28 CFR 36]. State and political subdivision entities may not claim the exceptions to the
20 requirement that elevators be installed in certain buildings as those exceptions are stated in
21 exception 1 to section 4.1.3(5) and in section 4.1.6(1)(k)(i) in the Americans with Disabilities Act
22 Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities found in the appendix to 28 CFR 36. A
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25 101-336. For public accommodations, an alternative to a structural change in existing buildings
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28 A state agency or the governing body of a political subdivision shall require from any person
29 preparing plans and specifications for a building or facility subject to the Americans with
30 Disabilities Act of 1990 [Pub. L. 101-336; 104 Stat. 327], a statement that the plans and
31 specifications are, in the professional judgment of that person, in conformance with the~~

~~Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities found in the appendix to 28 CFR 36, subject to the exception stated in this section. A statement of conformance must be submitted to the department of commerce division of community services for recording.~~

1. This section replaces any reference to "accessibility standards" in the state and a political subdivision's building code. Notwithstanding section 54-21.3-04, every building or facility subject to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act must conform to the accessibility standards as published by the department of justice revised regulations for titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in the federal register on September 15, 2010. The 2010 standards are minimum requirements, both scoping and technical, for newly designed and constructed or altered state and local government facilities, public accommodations, and commercial facilities to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.
2. These standards include standards for state and local governments, which consist of the title II regulations at 28 CFR 35.151 and the 2004 Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines at 36 CFR, part 1191, appendices B and D; the 2010 standards for public accommodations and commercial facilities, which consist of the title III regulations at 28 CFR, part 36, subpart D, and the 2004 Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines at 36 CFR, part 1191, appendices B and D.
3. These standards include the elevator requirements and exceptions are stated in 206.2.3; exceptions: 11 through 7.
4. All state agencies, governing bodies of a political subdivision, and controlling bodies of all public accommodations and commercial facilities shall require from the person preparing drawings and specifications for a building or facility, subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, revised 2010, a statement referencing all applicable sections of the standards, that the drawings and specifications are in the professional judgment of that person, in conformance with 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act standards for accessible design. For all public facilities, the statement of conformance must be submitted to the controlling body before construction proceeds. A copy of the statement must be submitted to the department of commerce division of community services for recording.

1 5. A building constructed after July 31, 2013, in excess of seven thousand five hundred
2 square feet [696.77 square meters], which is classified within the state building code
3 as assembly, business, educational, instructional, or mercantile occupancy and
4 required by the state building code to be accessible must include at the primary
5 exterior public entrance an automatic door or power-assisted manual door that
6 complies with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, revised
7 2010.