

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No.

Resolution No. 26-23

Mr. David Marks, Councilman

By the County Council, August 7, 2023

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council requesting the Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities to review the laws, regulations, and policies associated with the accessibility of new and existing commercial building entrances and public restroom facility doors for persons who use wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers for mobility; to study the overall feasibility of requiring all such building entrances and restroom facility doors to be equipped with automatic doors; and to report its findings and recommendations on the results of its review and study to the County Council on or before December 31, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) and subsequent federal regulations require that newly designed and constructed or altered State and local facilities, public accommodations, and commercial facilities be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, while the ADA has increased the accessibility of commercial facilities for persons who use wheelchairs, scooters, or walkers for mobility, the ADA does not require automatic doors at all entrances to commercial buildings and restrooms open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Disabilities is best equipped to evaluate this issue and give expert feedback on whether a local requirement for automatic doors at all entrances to new and existing commercial buildings and public restrooms to increase accessibility for people that

use wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers for mobility is prudent; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, that the Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities is requested to review the laws, regulations, and policies associated with the accessibility of new and existing commercial building entrances and public restroom facility doors for persons who use wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers for mobility; to study the overall feasibility of requiring all such building entrances and restroom facility doors to be equipped with automatic doors; and to report its findings and recommendations on the results of its review and study to the County Council on or before December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as part of its review and study, the Commission on Disabilities shall also consider the economic impact/cost to commercial building owners and businesses of incorporating automatic doors into new construction or of retrofitting existing building entrances and restroom facility doors with automatic doors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on Disabilities is encouraged to consult with the Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections and the Office of Law regarding the ADA and Building Code requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to the Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.



LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION _____

DISPOSITION _____

ENACTED _____

EFFECTIVE _____

AMENDMENTS _____

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