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(a) This subtitle shall be known as the Facilities for the Handicapped Act. All plans and specifications for the erection of public buildings by the State or any political subdivision thereof, except those plans and specifications for buildings to be used by the penal institutions of the State or the political subdivision, shall provide facilities for the handicapped.

(b) In this subtitle, "public building" means a building structure or improved area owned or constructed for lease by this State or its political subdivisions.

"Handicapped person" means a person with a measurable limitation of mobility due to congenital defect, disease, or trauma.

"Facility for handicapped persons" includes any ramp, handrail, elevator, door, specially treated surface and similar design, convenience, or device which facilitates the health, safety, or comfort of a handicapped person.

(d) Not later than July 1, 1968, the Board of Public Works, through the Department of Public Improvements, shall publish the standards of minimum requirements for facilities for handicapped persons in public buildings; standards to conform to American Standards Association specification A 117.1-1961 as modified by the Department of Public Improvements in cooperation with Governor's Study Group on Vocational Rehabilitation. The standards shall not require facilities for the handicapped in portions of public buildings which are not open to or used by the general working force or by the general public. The design of public buildings by the State and by its political subdivisions shall be regulated by the provisions of this subtitle upon and after July 1, 1968.

(h) The provisions of this subtitle shall apply to all educational facilities constructed with public funds or owned and/or operated by the State or its political subdivisions.

(i) The provisions of this subtitle shall apply to public transportation accommodations supported by public funds (such as terminals and stations) which are engaged in mass transportation of persons.

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(J) BRAILLE NUMBERS OR RAISED PRINT NUMBERS WHICH INDICATE THE LEVELS AND FLOORS SHALL BE INSTALLED ON CONTROL PANELS ON ALL ELEVATORS LOCATED IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act