

highway or on any highway under the supervision and control of a turnpike commission at a speed which is less than forty (40) miles per hour unless weather, traffic, road surface conditions, grade or emergency conditions warrant such slower speed. No conviction shall be had for a violation under this section unless official warning signs indicating a minimum speed and not more than three (3) miles apart have been erected on such highway by the proper authority.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

APPROVED—The 1st day of September, A. D. 1965.

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No. 235

AN ACT

SB 348

Requiring that certain buildings and facilities constructed with Commonwealth funds adhere to certain principles, standards and specifications to make the same accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped, and providing for enforcement.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Applicability of Standards.—The standards and specifications set forth in this act shall apply to all buildings of assembly, educational institutions and office buildings which are constructed in whole or in part by the use of Commonwealth funds, or the funds of any instrumentality of the Commonwealth. All such buildings and facilities constructed in this Commonwealth after the effective date of this act shall conform to each of the standards and specifications prescribed herein.

Section 2. Grounds, Buildings and Facilities. (a) Walks.—Public walks shall be at least 48 inches wide and shall have a gradient not greater than 5 percent. These walks shall be of a continuing common surface, not interrupted by steps or abrupt changes in level. Wherever walks cross other walks, driveways, or parking lots they shall blend

to a common level. A walk shall have a level platform at the top which is at least 5 feet by 5 feet, if a door swings out onto the platform or toward the walk. This platform shall extend at least 1 foot beyond each side of the doorway. A walk shall have a level platform at least 3 feet deep and 5 feet wide, if the door does not swing onto the platform or toward the walk. This platform shall extend at least 1 foot beyond each side of the doorway.

(b) Special Parking Areas.—At least one parking area shall be made accessible to the building by either placing it at the grade level of the building or providing ramps at curbs or steps between the parking area and the building.

(c) Ramps for the Handicapped.—Where ramps with gradients are necessary or desired, they shall conform to the following specifications:

(1) The ramp shall not have a slope greater than 1 foot rise in 12 feet, or 8.33 percent, or 4 degrees 50 minutes.

(2) The ramp shall have handrails on at least one side, and preferably two sides. The top of handrails shall be 32 inches above the surface of the ramp and shall extend 1 foot beyond the top and bottom of the ramp.

(3) The ramp shall be at least 32 inches wide (inside clear measurements) and have a surface that is nonslip.

(4) If a door swings out onto the platform or toward the ramp, the platform of the ramp shall be at least 5 feet by 5 feet. This platform shall be clear of door frame.

(5) If the door does not swing onto the platform or toward the ramp, this platform shall be at least 3 feet deep and 5 feet wide. This platform shall be clear of door frame.

(6) The bottom of the ramp shall have at least a 6 foot level run.

(7) Where the ramp exceeds 30 feet in length, level platforms shall be provided at 30 foot intervals. Level platform shall also be provided at turns in the ramp. Platforms shall be at least 32 inches wide by 5 feet long.

(d) Entrances and Doors.—Each building shall have at least one entrance which is accessible to individuals in wheelchairs. This entrance shall provide access to elevators either on a level plane or by ramp.

Doors shall have a clear opening of no less than 32 inches when open and shall be operable by a single effort. The floor on the inside and outside of each doorway shall be level for a distance of 5 feet from the door in the direction the door swings and shall extend 1 foot beyond each side of the door. Sharp inclines and abrupt changes in

level shall be avoided at doorsills. As much as practicable, thresholds shall be flush with the floor.

(e) Stairs.—Steps in stairs shall be designed wherever practicable so as not to have abrupt (square) nosing. Stairs shall have handrails 32 inches high as measured from the tread at the face of the riser. Stairs shall have at least one handrail that extends at least 18 inches beyond the top step and beyond the bottom step. Steps should, wherever possible, and in conformation with existing step formulas, have risers that do not exceed 7 inches.

(f) Floors.—Floors shall wherever practicable have a surface that is nonslip. Floors on the same story shall be of a common level throughout or be connected by a ramp in accord with subsection (c) of this section.

(g) Rest Rooms.—(1) Toilet rooms shall be accessible to, and usable by, the physically handicapped and shall have space to allow traffic of individuals in wheelchairs.

(2) Toilet rooms shall have at least one toilet stall that: (i) is 3 feet wide, (ii) is at least 4 feet 8 inches, preferably 5 feet deep, (iii) has a door (where doors are used) that is 32 inches wide and swings out, (iv) has handrails on each side, 33 inches high and parallel to the floor, 1½ inches in outside diameter, with 1½ inches clearance between rail and wall, and fastened securely at ends and center, (v) has a water closet with the seat 20 inches from the floor.

(3) Toilet rooms shall have lavatories with narrow aprons, which when mounted at standard height are usable by individuals in wheelchairs; or shall have lavatories mounted higher, when particular designs demand, so that they are usable by individuals in wheelchairs.

(4) Mirrors and shelves shall be provided above lavatories at a height as low as practicable and no higher than 40 inches above the floor, measured from the top of the shelf and the bottom of the mirror.

(5) Toilet rooms for men shall have an appropriate number of wall-mounted urinals with the opening of the basin 19 inches from the floor, or shall have floor-mounted urinals that are on level with the main floor of the toilet room.

(6) Toilet rooms shall have an appropriate number of towel racks, towel dispensers, and other dispensers and disposal units mounted no higher than 40 inches from the floor.

(h) Fountains.—An appropriate number of water fountains or other water-dispensing means shall be accessible to, and usable by, the physically disabled.

Water fountains or coolers shall have up-front spouts and controls.

Water fountains or coolers shall be hand-operated or hand-and-foot operated.

(i) Elevators.—Where elevators are to be provided they shall be accessible to, and usable by, the physically disabled at all levels normally used by the general public. Elevators shall be designed to allow for traffic by wheelchairs.

(j) Controls.—Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, draperies, elevators, fire alarms, and all similar controls of frequent or essential use, shall be placed within the reach of individuals in wheelchairs.

(k) Hazards.—Every effort shall be exercised to obviate all hazards to individuals with physical disabilities.

Section 3. Enforcement.—The Department of Labor and Industry shall be responsible for enforcement of this act.

Section 4. Effective Date.—This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 1st day of September, A. D. 1965.

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No. 236

AN ACT

SB 730

Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," providing that payments to widows and children of policemen retired on pension or who die while in the service shall be mandatory.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 4301 and subsection (c) of section 4303, act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), known as "The Third Class City Code," reenacted and amended June 28, 1951 (P. L. 662) and amended August 1, 1963 (P. L. 440), are amended to read:

Section 4301. Police Pension Fund; Direction of.—Cities shall establish, by ordinance, a police pension fund, to be maintained by an equal and proportionate monthly charge against each member of the police force, which shall not exceed annually three per centum of the pay of such member and [if council elects, by ordinance, to make such payments,] an additional amount not to exceed one per centum of the