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HOUSE BILL ***1159***

AN ACT relative to toilet facilities provided by restaurants and other food establishments.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bouldin, Hills. 25

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill would require that restaurants designed to seat 50 or more patrons have at least 2 separate toilet rooms, and eliminates the requirement for separate bathrooms to be gender-specific.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Toilet Facilities to be Provided for Restaurants, Etc. Amend RSA 155:40, I to read as follows:

I. All places where the business of serving food to the public is conducted shall be equipped with toilet and lavatory facilities convenient of access for the use of patrons. ***At least 2*** separate toilet rooms [~~for each sex~~] shall be provided for patrons of any restaurant designed to seat [~~25~~] ***50*** or more patrons at one time or for patrons of any food establishment where alcoholic beverages are served. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall have the authority to waive the requirements of this section for such businesses having 5 or fewer seats, for good cause shown, provided the business is unable to comply with this section because it does not have toilet or lavatory facilities on the effective date of this section as amended, and can show that the requirements of this section would cause substantial hardship.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.