

SENATE BILL 158

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By: **Senator Cassilly**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Lodging Establishments – Accessible Rooms for Individuals With**
3 **Disabilities – Bed Height**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each accessible room in a lodging establishment to be
5 furnished with a bed of a certain height; defining a certain term; and generally
6 relating to lodging establishments.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Business Regulation
9 Section 15–201(a) and (c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Business Regulation
14 Section 15–208
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Business Regulation**

20 15–201.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (c) “Lodging establishment” means an inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment
23 that has at least four rooms available for a fee to transient guests for lodging or sleeping
24 purposes.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **15-208.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ACCESSIBLE ROOM" MEANS A ROOM IN A LODGING
3 ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH
4 DISABILITIES ACT ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.

5 (B) EACH ACCESSIBLE ROOM IN A LODGING ESTABLISHMENT SHALL BE
6 FURNISHED WITH A BED THAT:

7 (1) MEASURES AT LEAST **20** INCHES BUT NOT MORE THAN **23** INCHES
8 HIGH FROM THE FLOOR TO THE TOP OF THE MATTRESS, WHETHER OR NOT THE
9 MATTRESS IS COMPRESSED; AND

10 (2) HAS AT LEAST A **7**-INCH VERTICAL CLEARANCE UNDER THE BED
11 FOR LIFT ACCESS.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2020.