SENATE BILL 158

By: Senator Cassilly
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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Lodging Establishments – Accessible Rooms for Individuals With Disabilities – Bed Height

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

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 15–201(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation
Section 15–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Regulation
15–201.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
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(15–208.

(A) In this section, “accessible room” means a room in a lodging establishment that is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities.

(B) Each accessible room in a lodging establishment shall be furnished with a bed that:

1. measures at least 20 inches but not more than 23 inches high from the floor to the top of the mattress, whether or not the mattress is compressed; and

2. has at least a 7-inch vertical clearance under the bed for lift access.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.