



Bill of the Week -1/27/25

HB 1680

Rights of persons with disabilities; definition of "place of public accommodation."

Bill Status

In Committee:

House
General Laws

Key Points

- Amends the definition of "place of public accommodation" to include a website that a private entity owns, leases, or operates and whose operations affect commerce.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in all areas of public life.
- The ADA requires that all organizations must comply with the accessibility standards included in the Act.
- The U.S. Department of Justice has consistently taken the position that the ADA's requirements apply to websites.
- This legislation would bring the Code of Virginia into alignment with the ADA on this issue.

Impact on Virginians

Website accessibility is important because it ensures that all users, regardless of their abilities, can access and navigate online content. This includes people with visual, auditory, cognitive, and motor impairments. When websites are accessible, they provide equal opportunities for everyone to gather information, use services, and interact online.

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