

In Strong Support HB 7377

RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT

This bill is long overdue. This bill will create a system of applications and enforcements for the new construction that uses financing of public government funding, state agency or quasi-public corporation funding and requires a percentage of the property to meet and comply with the Standards for Type C (Visitable) Units of the American National Standards Institute (commonly known as "ANSI")

Visitability: designing and building homes that seek to make homes more accessible by having them meet only three conditions:

- One zero-step entrance at the front, side or rear
- 32 inch wide clearances at doorways and hallways with at least 36 inches of clear width;
- And, at least an accessible half bath on the main floor.

Visitability Supports Neighborliness

Visitability is Inclusive Housing

Inclusive urban housing does not preclude affordability.

Inclusive urban housing increases marketability.

Think about the number of aging baby boomers.

Think about the projections in healthcare outcomes that point out that future generations are likely to be less healthy.

Think about the size and technology of today's wheelchairs and mobility access scooters.

Let's be forward thinking. Let's design and build inclusive and accessible residence and create a world that's more inclusive and a brighter future for Rhode Island.

Please support this bill and move it out of committee.

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Supporting information

<https://idea.ap.buffalo.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2019/11/visitabilitybooklet.pdf>