

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CIVIL RIGHTS ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 220 of 1976

37.1102a Adoption of standardized design; international symbol of access; removal of "handicapped".

Sec. 102a. (1) The commission shall adopt and post on the website of the department of civil rights a standardized design that is a variation of the current international symbol of access. The design must comply with all of the following:

(a) Depict a dynamic character leaning forward in a wheelchair with a sense of movement.

(b) Provide a contrasting background with either a light symbol on a blue background or a blue symbol on a light background.

(c) Be substantially equivalent to the international symbol of access.

(d) Be simple and avoid any secondary meaning.

(2) Beginning 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, each new placement or replacement of an international symbol of access sign required by law, ordinance, or administrative rule of this state or a local unit of government of this state must use the design adopted under this section. For any placement or replacement of the international symbol of access that is not required by law, ordinance, or administrative rule of this state or a local unit of government of this state, the commission and the department of civil rights shall encourage use of the design adopted under this section.

(3) The commission and the department of civil rights shall encourage removal of the word "handicapped" from any signs or other means of communication of this state or any local unit of government of this state.

(4) For the purpose of this section, encouraging the use of the design adopted under this section or the removal of the word "handicapped" do not include any form of civil, criminal, administrative, or regulatory action against any person or entity.

(5) Any government issued item currently in use by this state or any department, agency, or office of this state, local unit of government of this state, or other entity or individual that contains the international symbol of access may continue to be used until there is a need to replace that item.

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