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SP 4: BUILDING STANDARDS: STAIRCASE HANDRAILS.

UNDER EXISTING LAW, BUILDINGS, RESIDENCES, AND DWELLINGS ARE SUBJECT TO VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS. EXISTING LAW EXEMPTS CERTAIN STRUCTURES FROM THOSE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS IF THE STRUCTURES WERE CONSTRUCTED BEFORE A SPECIFIC DATE.

THIS MEASURE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE ALL STAIRCASES IN BUILDINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO BE EQUIPPED WITH HANDRAILS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

VOTE MAJORITY.

SP 4: RELATING TO BUILDING STANDARDS

WHEREAS, THERE ARE MANY PUBLIC BUILDINGS SUBJECT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE STANDARDS THAT REQUIRE HANDRAILS IN STAIRCASES; AND

WHEREAS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS WITH STAIRCASES THAT LACK ADEQUATE HANDRAILS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE OAKLAND COLISEUM, AT&T PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE DRESS CIRCLE LEVEL OF THE SAN FRANCISCO WAR MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE, AND THE SAN FRANCISCO AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER (A.C.T.); AND

WHEREAS, FALLING DOWN STAIRS IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF INJURY, AND SOMETIMES DEATH, ESPECIALLY AMONG SENIORS; AND

WHEREAS, SENIORS ARE AT GREAT RISK OF FALLING DOWN STAIRCASES THAT LACK HANDRAILS; AND

WHEREAS, PUBLIC STAIRWAYS WITHOUT HANDRAILS CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD; AND

WHEREAS, HANDRAILS SHOULD BE INSTALLED IN ALL STAIRCASES, REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE STAIRWAYS WERE FIRST BUILT; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, BY THE SENIOR SENATE AND THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY, JOINTLY, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT ITS 2017 REGULAR SESSION, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING THEREFOR, HEREBY PROPOSES THAT LEGISLATION AND REFORMS BE ENACTED THAT WOULD REQUIRE ALL STAIRCASES IN BUILDINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO BE EQUIPPED WITH HANDRAILS WITHOUT EXCEPTION; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZES THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS SET FORTH IN THIS MEASURE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS MEASURE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.