

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1879**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines**

February 22, 2012

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An act relating to disability access.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1879, as introduced, Beth Gaines. Disability access: State Architect.

Existing law requires the Division of the State Architect to develop and submit building standards regulations, including regulations to increase accessibility to buildings, structures, sidewalks, and curbs by persons with disabilities. These standards are required to be at least as high as those promulgated under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Existing law also requires the Division of the State Architect to submit proposed amendments to the California Code of Regulations to the United States Department of Justice to ensure that California's accessibility building standards are consistent with federal regulations.

This bill would require the State Architect to prepare a report containing all federal and state disability access regulations and noting any state disability access regulations that are in direct conflict with federal disability access regulations. This would require the State Architect to make the report available to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2014, in the form that the State Architect decides is the least costly. This reporting provision would become inoperative as of January 1, 2017.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The State Architect shall prepare a report
- 2 containing all federal and state disability access regulations and
- 3 noting all state disability access regulations that are in direct
- 4 conflict with federal disability access regulations. The State
- 5 Architect shall make this report available to the Governor and the
- 6 Legislature no later than January 1, 2014, and shall do so in the
- 7 form that he or she determines is the least costly.
- 8 (b) For the purposes of this section, “direct conflict” includes,
- 9 but is not limited to, the situation in which federal regulations
- 10 impose differing standards than those imposed by state regulations.
- 11 (c) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this
- 12 section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2017.