

# HOUSE BILL 771

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Lodging Establishments – Accessible Rooms for Individuals With Disabilities –**  
3 **Bed Height**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each accessible room in a lodging establishment to be  
5 furnished with a bed of a certain height on or before a certain date; defining a certain  
6 term; and generally relating to lodging establishments.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Business Regulation  
9 Section 15–201(a) and (c)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Business Regulation  
14 Section 15–208  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Business Regulation**

20 15–201.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (c) “Lodging establishment” means an inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment  
23 that has at least four rooms available for a fee to transient guests for lodging or sleeping  
24 purposes.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **15-208.**

2       **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ACCESSIBLE ROOM” MEANS A ROOM IN A LODGING**  
3 **ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRANSIENT**  
4 **LODGING REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.**

5       **(B) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2021, EACH ACCESSIBLE ROOM IN A LODGING**  
6 **ESTABLISHMENT SHALL BE FURNISHED WITH A BED THAT:**

7               **(1) MEASURES AT LEAST 20 INCHES BUT NOT MORE THAN 23 INCHES**  
8 **HIGH FROM THE FLOOR TO THE TOP OF THE MATTRESS, WHETHER OR NOT THE**  
9 **MATTRESS IS COMPRESSED; AND**

10              **(2) HAS AT LEAST A 7-INCH VERTICAL CLEARANCE UNDER THE BED**  
11 **FOR LIFT ACCESS.**

12       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2020.