

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB422

House of Origin      X     Introduced                 Substitute                 Engrossed  
Second House                In Committee             Substitute                 Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Hope

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:**            **Uniform Statewide Building Code; regulations of the Board of Housing and Community Development**

**5. Summary:** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations establishing standards for new construction of single-family residential buildings to meet minimum standards for accessibility for persons with disabilities, including provision for (i) doorway entrances of at least 32 inches in width; (ii) accessible pathways of at least 36 inches in width throughout the first floor; (iii) at least one accessible no-step main floor entryway; (iv) accessible environmental controls, including electrical outlets at least 18 inches above the floor and light switches at least 44 inches above the floor; and (v) at least one bathroom on the first floor that is capable of supporting the installation of grab bars and other assistive equipment. The bill provides that such standards may include reasonable exemptions from such requirements as deemed appropriate by the Board.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8, below.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** There would be some costs to the Department of Housing and Community Development associated with the adoption of the new regulations. However, such costs could be funded from existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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