



Legislation Text

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Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by amending Chapter 9-600, entitled "Service and Other Businesses," to add a new Section 9-636, to require that certain establishments and City-owned buildings open to the public, with single-occupancy bathroom facilities, use gender-neutral signage for such facilities, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 9. REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, TRADES AND PROFESSIONS.

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CHAPTER 9-600. SERVICE AND OTHER BUSINESSES.

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§ 9-636. *Gender-Neutral Bathroom Designation.*

(1) *Definitions.*

(a) *Gender Identity.* Shall have the meaning given in § 9-1102(1).

(b) *Gender-neutral Signage.* Signs identifying a facility without indicating a gender, such as "Restroom," "Bathroom," or "Toilet," or symbols indicating the facility's availability for use by any person, regardless of gender or gender identity.

(c) *Retail Establishment.* A place of business open to the general public for the sale of goods or services.

(2) *Any entity that owns or leases a structure open to the general public, including but not limited to Retail Establishments and City-owned buildings, that currently has or at any time establishes one or more single-occupancy bathroom facilities for public use, shall provide Gender-neutral Signage for such facilities.*

(a) *An entity that has bathroom facilities with gender usage indicated by art work or design may, if such designs predate the effective date of this Ordinance, retain such designs, provided that they use signage that clearly indicates that the bathroom may be used by any person or persons, regardless of gender identity.*

(3) *Penalties.* A violation of this Section shall constitute a Class III offense and shall be subject to the fines set forth in subsection 1-109(3) of this Code. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 90 days after it becomes law.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate matter added.