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Business and other commercial establishments will sometimes indicate they have no restroom facilities available to individuals who are not paying customers. This can present a problem to small children under the age of twelve, senior citizens, or disabled people who need immediate access to restroom facilities, and cannot wait to find a public restroom. Citywide, there are many retail areas, where restrooms are not readily available to the public.

Many states adopt legislation which either requires commercial establishments to make toilet facilities available for customers, patrons and visitors or enables local governments to adopt such requirements.

We need to review existing laws and regulations in order to explore the possibility of requiring commercial establishments to make restroom facilities available to the public or at least to children and the elderly.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst be directed to report on the following: 1) the legality and feasibility of requiring businesses in retail areas to allow children under the age of 12, who are accompanied by an adult, senior citizens, or disabled people to utilize their restroom facilities; 2) how such a requirement could be implemented; 3) what, if any, state laws currently exist regarding this subject; and 4) any related pertinent information.

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