

(Texas Standards) meet or exceed the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The Department proposes to issue a final certification, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 12188(b)(1)(A)(ii) and 28 C.F.R. § 36.601 *et seq.*, which would constitute rebuttable evidence, in any enforcement proceeding, that a building constructed or altered in accordance with the Texas Standards meets or exceeds the requirements of the ADA. The Department will hold informal hearings on the proposed certification in Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, comments must be in writing and must be received on or before July 29, 1996. The hearing in Austin, Texas is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 1996 at 1:00 pm, Central Time. The hearing in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 1996 at 9:30 am, Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the preliminary determination of equivalency and on the proposal to issue final certification of equivalency of the Texas Standards should be sent to: John L. Wodatch, Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 66738, Washington, D.C. 20035-6738.

The hearings will be held at:

Austin, Texas: State of Texas, Capitol Building Extension, Room E2.012, Austin, Texas

Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 4039, Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John L. Wodatch, Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 66738, Washington, D.C. 20035-6738. Telephone number (800) 514-0301 (Voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TDD).

Copies of this notice are available in formats accessible to individuals with vision impairments and may be obtained by calling (800) 514-0301 (Voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TDD). Copies of the Texas Standards and supporting materials may be inspected by appointment at 1425 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 4039, Washington, D.C. by calling Tito Mercado at (202) 307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The ADA authorizes the Department of Justice, upon application by a State or local government, to certify that a

State or local law that establishes accessibility requirements meets or exceeds the minimum requirements of title III of the ADA for new construction and alterations. 42 U.S.C.

12188(b)(1)(A)(ii); 28 CFR 36.601 *et seq.* Final certification constitutes rebuttable evidence, in any ADA enforcement action, that a building constructed or altered in accordance with the certified code complies with the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA.

By letter dated November 17, 1994, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requested that the Department of Justice (Department) certify that the State of Texas Accessibility Standards, effective April 1, 1994, as adopted pursuant to Texas Civil Statutes, Article 9102, as amended effective September 1, 1993, and the Architectural Barriers Administrative Rules, Chapter 68, as amended effective June 1, 1994 (Texas Standards), meet or exceed the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA.

The Department has analyzed the Texas Standards, and has preliminarily determined that they meet or exceed the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA. By letter dated May 10, 1996, the Department notified the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation of its preliminary determination of equivalency.

Effect of Certification

The certification determination will be limited to the version of the Texas Standards that has been submitted to the Department. The certification will not apply to amendments or interpretations that have not been submitted and reviewed by the Department.

Certification will not apply to buildings constructed by or for State or local government entities, which are subject to title II of the ADA. Nor does certification apply to accessibility requirements that are addressed by the Texas Standards that are not addressed by the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, such as the provisions for children's facilities in the Texas Standards.

Finally, certification does not apply to variances or waivers granted under the Texas Standards by the Commissioner of Licensing and Regulation. Therefore, if a builder receives a variance, waiver, modification, or other exemption from the requirements of the Texas Standards for any element of construction or alterations, the certification determination will not constitute

evidence of ADA compliance with respect to that element.

Procedure

The Department will hold informal hearings in Washington, DC and Austin, Texas to provide an opportunity for interested persons, including individuals with disabilities, to express their views with respect to the preliminary determination of equivalency of the Texas Standards. Interested parties who wish to testify at a hearing should contact Tito Mercado at (202) 307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

The hearing sites will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids should contact Tito Mercado at (202) 307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

Dated: May 21, 1996.

Deval L. Patrick,

Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

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Certification of the State of Texas Accessibility Standards Under the Americans With Disabilities Act

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of hearings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice will hold informal hearings on the proposed certification that the State of Texas Accessibility Standards meet or exceed the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas.

DATES: The hearing in Austin, Texas is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 1996 at 1:00 PM, Central Time. The hearing in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 1996, at 9:30 AM, Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The hearings will be held at:

Austin, Texas: State of Texas, Capitol Building Extension, Room E2.012, Austin, Texas

Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 4039, Washington, D.C.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 28, 1996, the Department of Justice (Department) published a notice in the Federal Register announcing that it had preliminarily determined that the State of Texas Accessibility Standards, effective April 1, 1994, as adopted pursuant to Texas Civil Statutes, Article 9102, as amended effective September 1, 1993, and the Architectural Barriers Administrative Rules, Chapter 68, as amended effective June 1, 1994 (Texas Standards), meet or exceed the new construction and alternations requirements of title III of the ADA. The Department also noted that it intended to issue final certification of the Texas Standards and requested written comments on the preliminary determination and the proposed final certification. Finally, the Department noted that it intended to hold informal hearings in Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas.

The purpose of the informal hearings is to provide an opportunity for interested persons, including individuals with disabilities, to express their views with respect to the preliminary determination of equivalency of the Texas Standards. Interested parties who wish to testify at a hearing should contact Tito Mercado at (202) 307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

The meeting sites will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids should contact Tito Mercado at (202) 307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

Dated: May 21, 1996.
Deval L. Patrick,
Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.
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Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Application for Certificate of Citizenship in Behalf of an Adopted Child.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection

was previously published in the Federal Register on March 21, 1996 at 61 FR 11651, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments from the date listed at the top of this page in the Federal Register. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to 202-395-7285. Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile to 202-514-1534.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The proposed collection is listed below:

- (1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Certificate of Citizenship in Behalf of an Adopted Child.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form N-643. Office of Examinations, Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Household. The information collected is used to allow U.S. citizen parents to apply for a certificate of citizenship on behalf of their adopted alien children.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 8,000 respondents at one hour per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 8,000 annual burden hours.

Public comment on this proposed information collection is strongly encouraged.

Dated: May 20, 1996.
Robert B. Briggs,
Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.
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Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Subgrant Award Report for Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days from the date listed at the top of this page in the Federal Register. Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;