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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 5

Bill #: AL-37

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3 **An Act To**

4 Amend §144 to Article 5 of the Public Building Law to Create single occupancy
5 unisex bathrooms in all public places.

6 ***The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:***

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8 **Purpose**

9 This bill will provide equality to the transgender people in our country that do not
10 receive the same treatment as people of their birth-sex by compelling all public
11 buildings to have at least two unisex, single occupancy bathrooms.

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13 **Summary of Provisions**

14 Article 5 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS GENERALLY

15 140 - Fire and emergency protection in public buildings.

16 141 - Display of foreign flags on public buildings.

17 142 - Water conservation in public buildings.

18 143 - Lighting restrictions.

19 **Section 1**

20 Transgender: Relating to someone whose sense of identity and gender does not
21 correspond with their birth sex.

22 Restroom: A public lavatory.

23 **Section 2**

24 144 - Statutory: Every building that provides public male and female restrooms
25 must also provide one single occupancy unisex restroom. New public buildings will
26 require these bathrooms to be part of the construction plan and pre existing public
27 buildings will be required to provide them by January 1, 2020. A fine of \$10,000
28 will be imposed each year for any public building that does not comply with this
29 law.

30 **Justification**

31 If all public buildings have a unisex bathroom, it can make an individual that is
32 unisex feel less insecure. To an individual a bathroom special for them can help
33 them have a safe area that's reserved for them.

34 **Fiscal Implications**

35 Public institutions may have to incur the cost of adding bathrooms.

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37 **Effective Date**

38 This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2020.