AB 1379 - Disability Access Requirements

On October 11, 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law, AB 1379. This assembly bill amends section 4467 of the Government Code, relating to disability access. On and after January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2023 a $4 state fee will be imposed on any applicant for a local business license or a renewal and is to be collected by cities. If a business license or its equivalent is not issued by cities, then the $4 fee is imposed on an applicant for a building permit.

The purpose of the fee is to increase disability access and compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements. Additionally, the fee assists local jurisdictions in supporting the Certified Access Specialist (CASp) program and provides the Division of the State Architect (DSA) with funds to maintain oversight of the CASp program.

For additional information about your legal obligations and how to comply with disability access laws please click on the links below:

- The Division of the State Architect [www.dgs.ca.gov/DSA](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/DSA)
- The Department of Rehabilitation [www.dor.ca.gov/Home/Services](http://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/Services)
- The California Commission on Disability Access - [www.ccda.ca.gov](http://www.ccda.ca.gov)