

HB5033



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5033

by Rep. David Harris

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Digital Theater Closed Captioning Device Act. Provides that movie theaters that are equipped with digital projection capabilities must provide a minimum number of closed captioning devices for use by patrons. Effective January 1, 2017.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Digital Theater Closed Captioning Device Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose and scope.

7 (a) It is the purpose of this Act to improve accessibility
8 to entertainment venues for persons with a hearing disability.

9 (b) This Act applies only to movie theaters that are
10 equipped with digital projection devices.

11 Section 10. Closed captioning devices required.

12 (a) A theater equipped with digital projection devices must
13 install, operate, and maintain closed captioned devices in the
14 theater as follows:

15 (1) A theater that has 16 or more screens must have 15
16 closed captioning devices.

17 (2) A theater that has at least 7, but fewer than 16,
18 screens must have 10 closed captioning devices.

19 (3) A theater that has at least 2, but fewer than 7,
20 screens must have 5 closed captioning devices.

21 (4) A theater that has one screen must have 3 closed
22 captioning devices.

1 (b) If the theater's seats are equipped with cup holders,
2 50% of the closed captioning devices must be cup holder style
3 devices.

4 Section 15. Staff training; notice.

5 (a) The theater's employees must be trained in the use of
6 the closed captioning devices and be able to assist patrons in
7 the use of the devices.

8 (b) The theater must post a conspicuous public notice near
9 the theater entrance informing patrons of the availability of
10 the closed captioning devices.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
12 1, 2017.