

## HB 2249 -- Wheelchair Accessibility of Capitol Offices

Sponsor: Carter

This bill requires the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate to have in place by October 1, 2010, an office accessibility protocol for members of the General Assembly who do not have wheelchair-accessible offices in the State Capitol Building. The protocol must be used when a constituent with a mobility impairment requests a private meeting with a member and must designate certain areas of the Capitol that can be used for private meetings whether or not an advance request has been made.

Beginning October 1, 2010, the bill requires each member of the General Assembly to disclose to his or her constituents, through the Internet web site and electronic or paper publications, whether or not the member's Capitol office is wheelchair accessible. The notification must include instructions on how a person with a mobility impairment can request a private meeting with the member using the office accessibility protocol.