

**Summary of three bills to be introduced on September 18th for Sen. Harkin's  
"Access for All" agenda for individuals with disabilities**

1. Exercise and Fitness for All Act

Goal: To encourage exercise and fitness service providers to provide exercise and fitness equipment that is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Includes equipment such as treadmills, step machines, stationary bikes, rowing machines, weight machines, circuit training equipment, cardiovascular equipment, strength equipment, or other exercise or fitness equipment provided in a fitness facility, health spa, health club, college or university facility, gym, etc.

Access Board to develop and publish guidelines for accessible exercise and fitness equipment within 18 months.

Provides a tax credit for entities that provide exercise or fitness equipment that meets the guidelines (same tax credit as under the ADA).

2. Universal Home Design Act

Goal: To increase the availability of accessible housing for individuals with disabilities.

Covers single family houses and townhouses (new construction).

Requires that individuals or entities that utilize federal financial assistance for design, construction, or purchase include universal home design features – accessible entrance, accessible interior doors, accessible environmental controls, one accessible indoor room, an accessible bathroom, and accessible kitchen space.

Specific universal home design features to be developed by the Access Board.

Federal financial assistance includes assistance by HUD or the VA.

Private right of action and enforcement by AG.

Creates Office of Accessible Housing and Development at HUD.

## Accessible Transportation for All Act

Goal: to expand access to accessible transportation options for individuals with disabilities.

Prohibits discrimination by taxi companies and drivers.

Authorizes a model accessible taxi competition to create additional, affordable accessible taxi designs.

Authorizes a model accessible passenger car competition to create affordable, accessible car designs for individuals with disabilities.

Creates an Accessible Taxi Board at DoT, to promote accessible taxis, with 50%+ representation by persons with disabilities.

Requires states to develop strategic plans to increase the availability of accessible taxis.

Access Board to create accessible taxi standards and service standards.

Makes available a tax credit for taxi companies that purchase an accessible vehicle or adapt a vehicle to be accessible (same tax credit as under the ADA).