



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 556

LCO No. 2281

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

An Act Concerning Elevators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-192 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Each elevator or escalator used or intended for use in this state
4 shall be constructed, equipped, maintained and operated, with respect
5 to the supporting members, elevator car, shaftway, guides, cables,
6 doors and gates, safety stops and mechanisms, locking mechanisms,
7 electrical apparatus and wiring, mechanical apparatus, counterweights
8 and all other appurtenances, so as to sustain safely the load which it is
9 designed and intended to carry according to the provisions of this
10 chapter and the regulations of the commissioner adopted in
11 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

12 (b) Any person may apply to the State Building Inspector to grant
13 variations or exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternate
14 compliance with, standards incorporated in the regulations adopted
15 under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, and the State
16 Building Inspector may approve such variations, exemptions, or

17 equivalent or alternate compliance where strict compliance with such
18 provisions would cause practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.

19 (c) Any person aggrieved by any decision of the State Building
20 Inspector pursuant to subsection (b) of this section may appeal to the
21 Codes and Standards Committee within thirty days after notice of such
22 decision has been rendered. Any person aggrieved by any ruling of the
23 Codes and Standards Committee may appeal therefrom to the
24 Superior Court in accordance with section 4-183, as amended.

25 Sec. 2. Section 29-193 of the general statutes is repealed and the
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

27 No new elevator or escalator shall be erected or installed and no
28 elevator or escalator shall be relocated or altered until detailed plans
29 and specifications of the proposed construction or other work have
30 been submitted in [duplicate] triplicate to the department for approval.
31 A fee of one hundred fifty dollars for each elevator or escalator
32 payable to the [Department of Public Safety] department shall
33 accompany each such proposal. Notice that such plans are approved or
34 disapproved shall be given within a reasonable time and final
35 inspection of the elevator or escalator, when installed, relocated or
36 altered, shall be made before final approval for operation is given by
37 the department. The department may issue a temporary operating
38 permit, if necessary, pending final inspection and approval. The
39 provisions of this chapter shall not prevent the operation of any
40 elevator installed for temporary use in connection with building
41 operations or the operation of any elevator for purposes connected
42 with the installation or the testing of the same.

43 Sec. 3. Section 29-195 of the general statutes is repealed and the
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

45 Each elevator or escalator shall be thoroughly inspected by a
46 department elevator inspector at least once each [twelve months,
47 except that each elevator or escalator subject to a full-maintenance

48 contract with a licensed maintenance contractor shall be inspected at
49 least once every two years] eighteen months, except private residence
50 elevators, as defined in the regulations adopted pursuant to section 29-
51 192, as amended by section 1 of this act, shall be inspected upon the
52 request of the owner. More frequent inspections of any elevator or
53 escalator shall be made if the condition thereof indicates that
54 additional inspections are necessary or desirable.

55 Sec. 4. Section 29-196 of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

57 As soon as the department approves any new, relocated or altered
58 elevator or escalator as being fit for operation, it shall issue to the
59 owner a certificate of operation for a capacity and speed specified in
60 the inspector's report. The fee for the certificate first issued shall be one
61 hundred fifty dollars. Such certificate shall be posted conspicuously in
62 the car or cage or on the platform of the elevator or escalator and shall
63 be valid for twelve months. Thereafter, the certificate shall be renewed
64 each year upon receipt of the renewal fee of [forty] sixty dollars, except
65 that [a certificate for an elevator or escalator subject to a full-
66 maintenance contract shall be renewed every two years on or after
67 October 1, 1986, upon receipt of a renewal fee of one hundred twenty
68 dollars. Until October 1, 1986, a certificate for such elevator or escalator
69 may be renewed for a one-year period in accordance with a staggered
70 system of renewals established by the department] private residence
71 elevators, as defined in the regulations adopted pursuant to section 29-
72 192, as amended by section 1 of this act, shall not be subject to said
73 renewal requirement. No fee shall be required of the state or any
74 agency of the state. No elevator or escalator may be lawfully operated
75 without such certificate.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow applications for modifications of the state elevator regulations, and to make other changes for efficiency and consistency which will not compromise safety.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]