



***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 Section 29-192 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 Commissioner of Public Safety or such commissioner's designee not  
22 later than thirty days after notice of such decision has been rendered.  
23 Any person aggrieved by any ruling of such commissioner or designee  
24 may appeal therefrom to the Superior Court in accordance with section  
25 4-183, as amended.

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 Section 29-193 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

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 Section 29-195 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

46 Each elevator or escalator shall be thoroughly inspected by a  
47 department elevator inspector at least once each [twelve months,  
48 except that each elevator or escalator subject to a full-maintenance  
49 contract with a licensed maintenance contractor shall be inspected at  
50 least once every two years] eighteen months, except private residence  
51 elevators, as defined in the regulations adopted pursuant to section 29-

52 192, as amended by section 1 of this act, shall be inspected upon the  
53 request of the owner. More frequent inspections of any elevator or  
54 escalator shall be made if the condition thereof indicates that  
55 additional inspections are necessary or desirable.

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

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

**PS Committee Vote:** Yea 22 Nay 0 JFS

**JUD Committee Vote:** Yea 33 Nay 0 JF