



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 90**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 191

*Senate, March 21, 2016*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. LEONE of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING INSTALLERS OF RESIDENTIAL STAIR LIFTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than December  
2 31, 2016, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, after consultation  
3 with the Elevator Installation, Repair and Maintenance Board  
4 established pursuant to section 20-331 of the general statutes, shall  
5 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of  
6 the general statutes, to establish a residential stair lift technician's  
7 license. Such regulations shall include, but need not be limited to, (1)  
8 the amount and type of experience, training, continuing education and  
9 examination requirements, if any, for a person to obtain and renew  
10 such license, and (2) a requirement that an applicant for such license  
11 provide proof that he or she has received a certification from a  
12 manufacturer of residential stair lifts to install and repair such  
13 residential stair lifts.

14 (b) The initial fee for a residential stair lift technician's license shall  
15 be one hundred fifty dollars and the renewal fee for such license shall

16 be seventy-five dollars. Licenses shall be valid for a period of one year  
17 from the date of issuance.

18 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the holder of an  
19 occupational license issued pursuant to chapter 393 of the general  
20 statutes that allows the installation and repair of residential stair lifts  
21 from performing such work. A holder of such occupational license  
22 shall not be required to obtain a residential stair lift technician's  
23 license.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	3,000	1,500

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill results in a revenue gain of \$3,000 in FY 17 and \$1,500 in FY 18 by establishing a fee structure for stair lift technician licenses. The initial fee is \$150 and the annual renewal fee is \$75. It is anticipated that twenty such licenses will be issued.

**The Out Years**

The ongoing fiscal impact of \$1,500 would continue in to the future subject to any change in the number of licensees and any fee changes.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 191*****AN ACT CONCERNING INSTALLERS OF RESIDENTIAL STAIR LIFTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes a residential stair lift technician's license. By December 31, 2016, the Department of Consumer Protection commissioner, after consulting with the Elevator Installation, Repair and Maintenance Board, must adopt regulations to establish such a license.

The regulations must include (1) the amount and type of experience, training, continuing education, and exam requirements, if any, for anyone obtaining and renewing such license and (2) a requirement that an applicant provide proof that he or she has received a certification from a residential stair lift manufacturer to install and repair such lifts.

Under the bill, the initial fee for the license is \$150 with a \$75 annual renewal fee. Licenses are valid for one year from the date of issuance.

The bill specifically states that licensed tradesmen (e.g., unlimited contractor elevator license (R-1)) whose licenses allow them to install and repair residential stair lifts may continue to do so and are not required to obtain a residential stair lift technician's license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/04/2016)