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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 134

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

FIRE PROTECT/FIRE MARSHAL: Urges and requests the state fire marshal to study the regulation and inspection of elevators and other lifting devices

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state fire marshal to study the regulation and inspection of elevators
3 and other lifting devices, to include information from various groups in the industry
4 and consumers in the study, and to report his recommendations relative to the issue
5 to the House Committee on Commerce prior to the beginning of the 2014 Regular
6 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, the use of unsafe and defective lifting devices imposes a substantial
8 probability of serious and possibly preventable injury to employees and the public exposed
9 to unsafe conditions; and

10 WHEREAS, the prevention of injuries and the protection of employees and the
11 public from unsafe conditions is in the best interest of the people of this state; and

12 WHEREAS, conveyance personnel performing work on elevators and lifting devices
13 should, by documented training or experience, or both, be familiar with the operation and
14 safety functions of the components and equipment; and

15 WHEREAS, the state fire marshal has some authority to regulate and inspect
16 elevators and lifting devices, but some feel that the laws and regulations relative to safety
17 codes, operation, maintenance, servicing, construction, alteration, installation, and inspection
18 of elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, lifting devices, and other similar equipment may not
19 be adequate and may need to be changed in order to protect employees and the public; and

20 WHEREAS, it may become necessary for the development of an enforcement
21 program to ensure compliance with regulations and requirements, which program should

1 include but not be limited to the identification of property locations which would be subject
2 to regulation, issuing notifications to violating property owners, random onsite inspections
3 and tests on existing installations, periodic inspections and testing to ensure satisfactory
4 installation, and the developing or assisting in the development of public awareness
5 programs; and

6 WHEREAS, the state fire marshal when conducting the study should include various
7 groups and industry personnel, including but not limited to representatives of major elevator
8 manufacturing companies, representatives of elevator servicing companies, representatives
9 of the architectural design profession, members of the general public who are physically
10 disabled, representatives of the municipalities, representatives of building owners or
11 managers, and representatives of labor involved in the installation, maintenance, and repair
12 of elevators.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state fire marshal to study the
15 regulation and inspection of elevators and other lifting devices, to include information from
16 various groups in the industry and consumers in the study, and to report his findings and
17 recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to
18 the House Committee on Commerce not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the
19 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 state fire marshal.

DIGEST

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