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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 134

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it may become necessary for the development of an enforcement program to ensure compliance with regulations and requirements, which program should include but not be limited to the identification of property locations which would be subject to regulation, issuing notifications to violating property owners, random onsite inspections and tests on existing installations, periodic inspections and testing to ensure satisfactory

installation, and the developing or assisting in the development of public awareness programs; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES