
DIGEST

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HB No. 875

Abstract: Creates the Conveyance Devices Safety Act.

Proposed law requires certain elevators and conveyance devices to be registered with the office of the state fire marshal and inspected by licensed elevator inspectors.

Proposed law lists the conveyance devices that will be subject to the registration and inspection requirements the Conveyance Devices Safety Act.

Proposed law lists the conveyance devices that will be exempt from the registration and inspection requirements the Conveyance Devices Safety Act.

Proposed law provides guidelines for which standards existing and newly installed conveyance devices must meet.

Proposed law requires the office of the state fire marshal to promulgate rules providing for the following:

- (1) The owner of each conveyance device installed prior to April 1, 2015, except those in one-or-two family dwellings, shall register the device with his office by April 1, 2016.
- (2) An elevator contractor who installs a conveyance device on or after April 2, 2016, including those installed in one-or-two family dwellings, shall cause the device to be registered and inspected by a licensed elevator inspector prior to the device being put into use. The elevator inspector shall be independent of the elevator contractor that installed the elevator.
- (3) The owner of each conveyance device, except those in one-and-two family homes, installed prior to April 1, 2016, shall cause an annual inspection of the device by a licensed elevator inspector. The first inspection shall occur prior to April 1, 2017.
- (4) A process by which licensed elevator inspectors shall report the findings of each inspection to the fire marshal and to the owner of the conveyance device and by which a licensed elevator inspector shall indicate to the public that a conveyance device meet applicable standards during his inspection. Such process shall include the following, at a minimum:

- (a) If the inspector determines that the conveyance device does not meet applicable standards, he shall describe these facts in detail and cite the standards and deficiencies in his report.
 - (b) The fire marshal shall notify the owner of the conveyance device inspected of remediation required to be made and the time frame in which the remediation shall be made.
 - (d) The owner shall dispute the findings of any report by requesting a hearing with the board of review, R.S. 40:1578.1.
 - (e) The licensed elevator inspector shall place a notice on a conveyance device he inspected indicating his name and the date that the device meet applicable standards according to his inspection.
- (5) The standards of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and American National Standards Institute, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators and American Society of Mechanical Engineers Safety Standards for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts, American Society of Civil Engineers, Automated People Mover Standards, applicable to conveyance devices or elevators, that each conveyance device inspected shall meet.
- (6) Reasonable fees in order to implement the provisions of this Subpart, including the initial fee for a elevator inspector license, the renewal fee for an elevator inspector license, the initial fee for an elevator inspection firm license, the renewal fee for an elevator inspection firm license, the fee for an initial inspection, and the fee for subsequent inspections.
- (7) Establish qualifications for the licensing of firms as elevator inspection firms
- (8) Establish qualifications for the licensing of persons as elevator inspectors

Proposed law authorizes the office of the state fire marshal to put an conveyance device, except those in one-or-two family dwellings, out of service if it poses a threat to the public.

Proposed law provides for the licensing of elevator inspector and elevator inspector firms and requires all inspections of conveyances devices required pursuant to proposed law be conducted by licensed elevator inspectors.

Proposed law provides for fines and penalties for violations of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1576, 1578.1(A)(9) and (10) and (B), and 1578.2; Adds R.S. 40:1578.1(A)(11) and (12) and 1597.1-1597.23)