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H.B. No. 3741

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to standards for elevators, escalators, and related equipment; authorizing a fee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 754.014(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission by rule shall adopt standards for the installation, maintenance, alteration, operation, testing, removal from service, and inspection of equipment used by the public in:

(1) buildings owned or operated by the state, a state-owned institution or agency, or a political subdivision of the state; and

(2) buildings that contain equipment that is open to the general public, including a hotel, motel, apartment house, boardinghouse, church, office building, shopping center, or other commercial establishment.

SECTION 2. Section 754.015(d), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The executive director may charge a reasonable fee as set by the commission for:

(1) registering or renewing registration of an elevator inspector;

(2) registering or renewing registration of a contractor;

- 1 (3) applying for a certificate of compliance;
- 2 (4) filing an inspection report as required by Section
3 754.019(a)(3), 30 days or more after the date the report is due, for
4 each day the report remains not filed after the date the report is
5 due;
- 6 (5) submitting for review plans for the installation
7 or alteration of equipment;
- 8 (6) reviewing and approving continuing education
9 providers and courses for renewal of elevator inspector and
10 contractor registrations;
- 11 (7) applying for a waiver, new technology variance, or
12 delay; ~~and~~
- 13 (8) attending a continuing education program
14 sponsored by the department for registered elevator inspectors; and
- 15 (9) applying to remove equipment from service.

16 SECTION 3. Section 754.019(a), Health and Safety Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (a) The owner shall:

19 (1) have the equipment inspected annually by a
20 registered elevator inspector, unless the equipment has been
21 removed from service in accordance with commission rules;

22 (2) obtain an inspection report from the inspector
23 evidencing that all equipment in a building on the real property was
24 inspected in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under
25 this chapter;

26 (3) file with the executive director each inspection
27 report, and all applicable fees, not later than the 30th calendar

1 day after the date on which an inspection is made under this
2 chapter;

3 (4) display the certificate of compliance for the
4 equipment in a publicly visible area as defined by commission rule;
5 and

6 (5) maintain the equipment in compliance with the
7 standards and codes adopted under commission rules.

8 SECTION 4. As soon as practicable after the effective date
9 of this Act, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall
10 adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by
11 this Act.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.