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1 AN ACT Relating to inspection requirements for private residence
2 conveyances; and amending RCW 70.87.010, 70.87.080, and 70.87.120.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.87.010 and 1983 c 123 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, except where a different
7 interpretation is required by the context:

8 (1) "Owner" means any person having title to or control of a
9 conveyance, as guardian, trustee, lessee, or otherwise;

10 (2) "Conveyance" means an elevator, escalator, dumbwaiter, belt
11 moonlight, automobile parking elevator, or moving walk, all as defined
12 in this section;

13 (3) "Existing installations" means all conveyances for which plans
14 were completed and accepted by the owner, or for which the plans and
15 specifications have been filed with and approved by the department
16 before June 13, 1963, and work on the erection of which was begun not
17 more than twelve months thereafter;

1 (4) "Elevator" means a hoisting or lowering machine equipped with
2 a car or platform that moves in guides and serves two or more floors or
3 landings of a building or structure;

4 (a) "Passenger elevator" means an elevator (i) on which passengers
5 are permitted to ride and (ii) that may be used to carry freight or
6 materials when the load carried does not exceed the capacity of the
7 elevator;

8 (b) "Freight elevator" means an elevator (i) used primarily for
9 carrying freight and (ii) on which only the operator, the persons
10 necessary for loading and unloading, and other employees approved by
11 the department are permitted to ride;

12 (c) "Sidewalk elevator" means a freight elevator that: (i)
13 Operates between a sidewalk or other area outside the building and
14 floor levels inside the building below the outside area, (ii) has no
15 landing opening into the building at its upper limit of travel, and
16 (iii) is not used to carry automobiles;

17 (5) "Escalator" means a power-driven, inclined, continuous stairway
18 used for raising and lowering passengers;

19 (6) "Dumbwaiter" means a hoisting and lowering mechanism equipped
20 with a car (a) that moves in guides in a substantially vertical
21 direction, (b) the floor area of which does not exceed nine square
22 feet, (c) the inside height of which does not exceed four feet, (d) the
23 capacity of which does not exceed five hundred pounds, and (e) that is
24 used exclusively for carrying materials;

25 (7) "Automobile parking elevator" means an elevator: (a) Located
26 in either a stationary or horizontally moving hoistway; (b) used
27 exclusively for parking automobiles where, during the parking process,
28 each automobile is moved either under its own power or by means of a
29 power-driven transfer device onto and off the elevator directly into
30 parking spaces or cubicles in line with the elevator; and (c) in which
31 no persons are normally stationed on any level except the receiving
32 level;

33 (8) "Moving walk" means a passenger carrying device (a) on which
34 passengers stand or walk and (b) on which the passenger carrying
35 surface remains parallel to its direction of motion;

36 (9) "Belt manlift" means a power driven endless belt provided with
37 steps or platforms and a hand hold for the transportation of personnel
38 from floor to floor;

39 (10) "Department" means the department of labor and industries;

1 (11) "Director" means the director of the department or his or her
2 representative;

3 (12) "Inspector" means an elevator inspector of the department or
4 an elevator inspector of a municipality having in effect an elevator
5 ordinance pursuant to RCW 70.87.200;

6 (13) "Permit" means a permit issued by the department to construct,
7 install, or operate a conveyance;

8 (14) "Person" means this state, a political subdivision, any public
9 or private corporation, any firm, or any other entity as well as an
10 individual;

11 (15) "One-man capacity manlift" means a single passenger, hand-
12 powered counterweighted device, or electric-powered device, that
13 travels vertically in guides and serves two or more landings;

14 (16) "Private residence conveyance" means a conveyance installed in
15 or on the premises of a single-family dwelling and operated for
16 transporting persons or property from one elevation to another.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.87.080 and 1983 c 123 s 8 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 (1) An installation permit shall be obtained from the department
20 before erecting, installing, relocating, or altering a conveyance.

21 (2) The installer of the conveyance shall submit an application for
22 the permit in duplicate, in a form that the department may prescribe.

23 (3) The permit issued by the department shall be kept posted
24 conspicuously at the site of installation.

25 (4) No permit is required for:

26 (a) Repairs and replacement normally necessary for maintenance and
27 made with parts of equivalent materials, strength, and design; or

28 (b) Alteration of a private residence conveyance when the owner of
29 the conveyance performs the alteration work himself or herself.

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.87.120 and 1993 c 281 s 61 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 (1) The department shall appoint and employ inspectors, as may be
33 necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, under the
34 provisions of the rules adopted by the Washington personnel resources
35 board in accordance with chapter 41.06 RCW.

36 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the department
37 shall cause all conveyances to be inspected and tested at least once

1 each year. Inspectors have the right during reasonable hours to enter
2 into and upon any building or premises in the discharge of their
3 official duties, for the purpose of making any inspection or testing
4 any conveyance contained thereon or therein. Inspections and tests
5 shall conform with the rules adopted by the department. The department
6 shall inspect all installations before it issues any initial permit for
7 operation. Permits shall not be issued until the fees required by this
8 chapter have been paid.

9 (b)(i) Private residence conveyances operated exclusively for
10 single-family use shall be inspected and tested only when required
11 under RCW 70.87.100 or as necessary for the purposes of subsection (4)
12 of this section.

13 (ii) The department may perform additional inspections of a private
14 residence conveyance at the request of the owner of the conveyance.
15 Fees for these inspections shall be in accordance with the schedule of
16 fees adopted for operating permits pursuant to RCW 70.87.030. An
17 inspection requested under this subsection (2)(b)(ii) shall not be
18 performed until the required fees have been paid.

19 (3) If inspection shows a conveyance to be in an unsafe condition,
20 the department shall issue an inspection report in writing requiring
21 the repairs or alterations to be made to the conveyance that are
22 necessary to render it safe and may also suspend or revoke a permit
23 pursuant to RCW 70.87.125 or order the operation of a conveyance
24 discontinued pursuant to RCW 70.87.145.

25 (4) The department may investigate accidents and alleged or
26 apparent violations of this chapter.

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