

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2425

As Reported by House Committee On:
Labor & Workplace Standards

Title: An act relating to extending the validity of temporary elevator licenses.

Brief Description: Extending the validity of temporary elevator licenses.

Sponsors: Representatives Doglio and McCabe; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Labor & Workplace Standards: 1/15/18, 1/18/18 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the 30-day period for a temporary elevator mechanic license to one year.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Sells, Chair; Gregerson, Vice Chair; McCabe, Ranking Minority Member; Pike, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Doglio, Frame and Manweller.

Staff: Joan Elgee (786-7106).

Background:

The Department of Labor and Industries (Department) regulates elevators, escalators, moving walks, and other specified devices, known as conveyances. Entities engaged in the business of performing installations, alterations, maintenance, and other conveyance work must obtain an elevator contractor license from the Department and must also be registered as a general or specialty contractor.

With some exceptions, persons performing conveyance work must obtain a elevator mechanic license. An applicant must have an acceptable combination of experience and

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education, to include at least three years' experience performing conveyance work, and pass an examination. The Department specifies the required number of education hours for the type of work the applicant will perform. Temporary elevator mechanic licenses are issued to those certified as qualified and competent by elevator contractors. The Department also requires that a temporary mechanic also have at least 75 percent of the education and training hours to obtain a mechanic license. A temporary license is valid for 30 days, and may be renewed. To renew a license, a person must complete at least eight hours of continuing education within one year of the renewal.

Summary of Bill:

The 30-day period for a temporary elevator mechanic license is changed to one year.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The Committee has heard about problems with elevators. This bill will make it easier for elevator mechanics to do their jobs and do them safely. Mechanics will only need one temporary license to complete the education and training rather than renewing every 30 days. The Department has authority to change the requirements to renew but wanted to bring the issue before the Legislature.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Doglio, prime sponsor; and Tammy Fellin, Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.