

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6252

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Labor & Commerce, January 24, 2018

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

Brief Description: Extending the validity of temporary elevator licenses.

Sponsors: Senators King and Keiser; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor & Commerce: 1/22/18, 1/24/18 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Hasegawa, Vice Chair; Braun, Conway, King, Kuderer, Saldaña and Wilson.

Staff: Jarrett Sacks (786-7448)

Background: The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) 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 L&I and must also be registered as a general or specialty contractor.

With some exceptions, persons performing conveyance work must obtain an elevator mechanic license. An applicant must have an acceptable combination of experience and education, to include at least three years' experience performing conveyance work, and pass an examination. L&I 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. L&I also requires that a

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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: A temporary elevator mechanic license is valid for one year, rather than 30 days.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill is simple and straightforward. It will help the industry and the individuals with temporary licenses. The bill will make it easier for people with a temporary license to finish the training and education they need to get a permanent license.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Curtis King, Prime Sponsor; Tammy Fellin, L&I.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.