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BILL ANALYSIS

Labor & Workplace Standards Committee

HB 2425

Brief Description: Extending the validity of temporary elevator licenses.

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

Brief Summary of Bill

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

Hearing Date: 1/15/18

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 education, which must include not less than 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

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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.