SENATE BILL NO. 416–SENATOR TITUS (BY REQUEST)

MARCH 15, 1999

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Provides for inspection of elevators under certain circumstances. (BDR 40-355)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes. Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elevators; providing in skeleton form for the inspection of elevators under certain circumstances; providing for the licensure of persons who construct, maintain and operate elevators; authorizing the division of industrial relations of the department of business and industry to impose a fee for inspection; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY. DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** Title 40 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
- 2 new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 16,
- 3 inclusive, of this act.
 - Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act, unless the
- 5 context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3, 4
- 6 and 5 of this act, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- Sec. 3. "Division" means the division of industrial relations of the department of business and industry.
- 9 Sec. 4. "Elevator" includes an elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator,
- 10 moving walk, stage lift, wheelchair lift or related equipment.
- 11 Sec. 5. "Elevator constructor-mechanic" means a person who
- 12 constructs, installs, relocates, improves, alters or repairs elevators.
- 13 Sec. 6. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any
- 14 elevator to which the public has access must be inspected annually by the
- 15 division.

- 2. Any elevator inspected pursuant to chapter 618 of NRS is not required to be inspected pursuant to this chapter.
- 3. The owner of an elevator required to be inspected pursuant to subsection 1 must obtain a permit issued by the division before operating the elevator.
- Sec. 7. The division shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to establish standards and procedures for the inspection and operation of elevators pursuant to section 6 this act.
- 9 Sec. 8. The division may charge a reasonable fee to be fixed by 0 regulation to pay the cost of the inspection of an elevator and the 1 issuance of a permit pursuant to section 6 of this act.
 - Sec. 9. The division shall:

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- 1. Enforce the provisions of this chapter;
- 2. Evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for a license as an elevator constructor-mechanic;
- 3. Adopt regulations establishing standards of practice for persons licensed pursuant to this chapter and any other regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter; and
 - 4. Require a person licensed pursuant to this chapter to submit to the division such documentation or perform such practical demonstrations as the division deems necessary to determine whether the licensee has acquired the skills necessary to construct, install, relocate, improve, alter or repair an elevator.
- 24 Sec. 10. 1. It is unlawful for any person to construct, install, 25 relocate, improve, alter or repair an elevator within this state unless he is 26 licensed as an elevator constructor-mechanic pursuant to sections 9 to 27 16, inclusive, of this act.
 - 2. A person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Sec. 11. To be eligible for a license as an elevator constructormechanic, an applicant must:
- 1. Pass a written examination offered by the division that requires
 the applicant to demonstrate, without limitation, his knowledge and
 ability to use, understand and perform any calculations required to
 ensure that work performed on an elevator is in compliance with the
 regulations adopted pursuant to section 6 of this act or any regulations
 adopted pursuant to chapter 618 of NRS that apply to elevators;
- 2. Have worked as an apprentice for 4 years under the direct supervision of a person holding a license as an elevator constructor-mechanic and completed the program of training for the installation and repair of elevators offered by the National Elevator Industry Educational Program or a reasonably equivalent program as determined by the division;
- 43 3. Hold a contractor's license on or before December 1, 1999; or

- Have at least 10 years of experience that is satisfactory to the division in the construction, installation, relocation, improvement, alteration or repair of elevators.
- Sec. 12. An apprentice who works under the direct supervision of a licensed elevator constructor-mechanic need not obtain a license as an elevator constructor-mechanic.
- Sec. 13. 1. A person who wishes to be licensed by the division as an elevator constructor-mechanic must:
- (a) Submit an application to the division on a form furnished by the division: 10
 - (b) Provide evidence satisfactory to the division that he possesses the qualifications required pursuant to section 11 of this act; and
 - (c) Pay to the division at the time of filing his application a fee of \$50.
- The application must include the social security number of the 14 15 applicant.
 - Sec. 14. 1. An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license as an elevator constructor-mechanic shall submit to the division the statement prescribed by the welfare division of the department of human resources pursuant to NRS 425.520. The statement must be completed and signed by the applicant.
- The division shall include the statement required pursuant to subsection 1 in: 22
- (a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted for the 23 issuance or renewal of the license; or
 - (b) A separate form prescribed by the division.
- 3. A license as an elevator constructor-mechanic may not be issued 26 or renewed by the division if the applicant: 27
 - (a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection 1; or
- 29 (b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or 31 other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount 32 owed pursuant to the order. 33
- 4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to 34 subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the support of a child 35 36 and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of 37 the amount owed pursuant to the order, the division shall advise the applicant to contact the district attorney or other public agency enforcing 40 the order to determine the actions that the applicant may take to satisfy
- 41 *the arrearage*.

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- Sec. 15. 1. A license for an elevator constructor-mechanic expires 2 years after the date on which it is issued. An elevator constructor-3 mechanic may renew his license before its expiration upon:
- (a) Presentation of proof of completion of a program of continuing education as required by subsections 2 and 3;
- (b) Submission of the statement required pursuant to section 14 of this act: and
 - (c) Payment to the division of a renewal fee of \$50.
- The division shall not renew a license issued to an elevator constructor-mechanic until the licensee submits proof satisfactory to the division that he has, during the 2-year period immediately preceding the 12 renewal of the license, completed at least 3 hours of continuing education relating to the construction, installation, relocation, 13 improvement, alteration or repair of elevators.
 - Each program of continuing education must be:
- (a) Offered by the National Elevator Industry Educational Program; 16 or 17
 - (b) Approved by the board.

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- Sec. 16. 1. If the division receives a copy of a court order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational licenses, certificates and 22 permits issued to a person who is the holder of a license as an elevator constructor-mechanic, the division shall deem the license issued to that 24 person to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date on which the court order was issued unless the division receives a letter issued to 26 the holder of the license by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 stating that the holder of the license has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.
- The division shall reinstate a license as an elevator constructor-31 mechanic that has been suspended by a district court pursuant to NRS 32 425.540 if the division receives a letter issued by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the person whose license was suspended stating that the person whose license was suspended has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.
- Sec. 17. Chapter 618 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a 37 new section to read as follows: 38
- The division may charge a reasonable fee to be fixed by regulation to 39 40 pay the cost of the inspection of an elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator, moving walk, stage lift, wheelchair lift or related equipment inspected 42 pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 18. Section 13 of this act is hereby amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 13. [1.] A person who wishes to be licensed by the division as an elevator constructor-mechanic must:
- [(a)] 1. Submit an application to the division on a form furnished by the division;
- [(b)] 2. Provide evidence satisfactory to the division that he possesses the qualifications required pursuant to section 11 of this act; and
- [(c)] 3. Pay to the division at the time of filing his application a fee of \$50.
- [2. The application must include the social security number of the applicant.]
- Sec. 19. Section 15 of this act is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 15. 1. A license for an elevator constructor-mechanic expires 2 years after the date on which it is issued. An elevator constructor-mechanic may renew his license before its expiration upon:
 - (a) Presentation of proof of completion of a program of continuing education as required by subsections 2 and 3; *and*
 - (b) [Submission of the statement required pursuant to section 14 of this act; and
 - (c) Payment to the division of a renewal fee of \$50.
 - 2. The division shall not renew a license issued to an elevator constructor-mechanic until the licensee submits proof satisfactory to the division that he has, during the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal of the license, completed at least 3 hours of continuing education relating to the construction, installation, relocation, improvement, alteration or repair of elevators.
 - 3. Each program of continuing education must be:
 - (a) Offered by the National Elevator Industry Educational Program; or
 - (b) Approved by the board.
- **Sec. 20.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of this act, a person who has a contractor's license pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS as of October 1, 1999, and who performs any of the functions of an elevator constructor-mechanic is not required to be licensed as an elevator constructor-mechanic pursuant to the provisions of this act before March 1, 2000.
- 2. The provisions of section 10 of this act do not apply to offenses committed before October 1, 1999.
- Sec. 21. The provisions of sections 13 to 16, inclusive, of this act expire by limitation on the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to establish procedures under which the state has

- authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:
- 1. Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or
- 2. Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more children.
- 8 are repealed by the Congress of the United States.
- 9 **Sec. 22.** 1. This section, sections 1 to 17, inclusive, 20 and 21 of this act become effective on October 1, 1999.
- 2. Sections 18 and 19 of this act become effective on the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to establish procedures under which the state has authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:
- 16 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a 17 proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce 18 an obligation for the support of a child; or
- 19 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more 20 children,
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