



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

regarding Florida Elevator Legislation



ATTENTION: FLORIDA ELEVATOR INDUSTRY	Serial Number: 2000-03	Date: June 23, 2000
SUBJECT: ELEVATOR SAFETY LEGISLATION	Susan R. McKinley, <i>Division Director</i>	Revised: August 07, 2000

The 2000 Florida Legislature passed legislation amending Chapter 399, Florida Statutes (FS) that changes the structure and responsibility of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety. Specifically, HB 219 (signed into law by Governor Jeb Bush on May 24, 2000) revises Section 399.061, FS, as follows:

Inspections; correction of deficiencies.—(1) (a) All elevators subject to this chapter must be inspected pursuant to s. 399.13, by a third-party inspection service certified as a qualified elevator inspector or maintained pursuant to a service maintenance contract continuously in force. A statement verifying the existence, performance, and cancellation of each service maintenance contract must be filed annually with the division as prescribed by rule. All elevators covered by a service maintenance contract shall be inspected by a certificate of competency holder at least once every 2 years; however, if the elevator is not an escalator or a dumbwaiter and the elevator serves only two adjacent floors and is covered by a service maintenance contract, no inspection shall be required so long as the service contract remains in effect. (b) The division may inspect an elevator whenever necessary to ensure its safe operation. [UNDERLINE INDICATES NEW LANGUAGE.]

Effective July 1, 2000, licensees must arrange to have their routine safety inspections performed:

- 1. Biennially by a Certificate of Competency holder, for elevators maintained under a maintenance service contract, OR**
- 2. Annually by a third-party inspection service certified as a qualified elevator inspector, for elevators not having a maintenance contract.**

The Department is responsible for:

1. Inspection of new installations and alterations, and
2. Performing oversight and monitoring of inspection services, registered elevator companies, and contracted municipal or county programs, and
3. Responding to complaints, and
4. Enforcing compliance with Chapter 399, Florida Statutes.

This legislation (HB 219) also creates Florida's first statewide building code, to be administered by the Florida Building Commission (FBC). As a result, on July 1, 2001 the Florida Building Commission becomes responsible for adoption of Florida's state elevator safety code and ruling on any requests for variance. The Department retains these functions until that time, and after that remains responsible for plan review and developing the code to be considered and adopted by the Building Commission.

Those interested in information regarding the requirements to become an inspection service, a registered elevator company, or taking the State of Florida Certificate of Competency Examination, contact the Bureau of Elevator Safety, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1013 (phone 850—488—9097).

For information on the national Qualified Elevator Inspector examination, contact: National Association of Elevator Safety Authorities International, 4541 North 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014—4203 (phone 602—266—9701); or Lift Technologies International / Education Services Division, 5121 Meadow Valley Circle, Roanoke, VA 24018, (phone 540—772—4964).

The Division will post further information on the Internet as it becomes available. To view or download HB 219 (see sections 24, 25, 26, 27, and 137), go to the Florida Legislature website *Online Sunshine*, at www.leg.state.fl.us.

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