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| 6   | (By Delegate Manchin)   |
| 7   | [Passed March 10, 2012; in effect from passage.]                            |
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| 9   | AN ACT to amend and reenact $\$21-3C-1$ , $\$21-3C-10a$ and $\$21-3C-11$ of |
| L 0 | the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said              |
| L1  | code by adding thereto a new section, designated \$21-3C-10b,               |
| L2  | all relating to elevators; defining certain terms; requiring                |
| L3  | licensure; providing licensure requirements for elevator                    |
| L 4 | mechanics, accessibility technicians and limited technicians;               |
| L 5 | providing requirements to obtain a limited use/limited                      |
| L 6 | application endorsement; providing requirements for issuance                |
| L 7 | and renewal of licenses; modifying rule-making authority of                 |
| L 8 | Commissioner of Labor; and removing reciprocity provisions. Be              |
| L 9 | it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:                             |
| 20  | That $\S21-3C-1$ , $\S21-3C-10a$ and $\S21-3C-11$ of the Code of West       |
| 21  | Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that said         |
| 22  | code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated                 |
| 23  | §21-3C-10b, all to read as follows:   |

24 ARTICLE 3C. ELEVATOR SAFETY.

## 1 §21-3C-1. Definitions.

- 2 (1) "Accessibility equipment" means lifting devices designated
  3 to remove access barriers in public buildings and private
  4 residences for persons with physical challenges, including
  5 residential elevators, limited use/limited application elevators,
  6 vertical platforms, inclined platform lifts and stairway
  7 chairlifts.
- 8 (2) "Certificate of acceptance" means a certificate issued by
  9 the Division of Labor certifying that a newly installed elevator
  10 has been inspected and was found to be installed in compliance with
  11 the safety standards set forth in the American Society of
  12 Mechanical Engineers Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators
  13 (ASME) A17.1-3, "Safety Code for Elevators" and ASME A18.1, "Safety
  14 Code for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts."
- 15 (3) "Certificate of competency" means a certificate issued by 16 the Division of Labor certifying that an individual is qualified to 17 inspect elevators.
- 18 (4) "Certificate of operation" means a certificate issued by
  19 the Division of Labor certifying that an elevator has been
  20 inspected and is safe for operation.
- 21 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Division of 22 Labor.
- 23 (6) "Division" means the Division of Labor.
- 24 (7) "Division inspector" means an employee or contractor of 25 the division who has been examined and issued a certificate of

- 1 competency and who only inspects elevators in state owned 2 buildings.
- 3 (8) "Elevator" means all the machinery, construction,
  4 apparatus and equipment used in raising and lowering a car, cage or
  5 platform vertically between permanent rails or guides and includes
  6 all elevators, power dumbwaiters, escalators, gravity elevators and
  7 other lifting or lowering apparatus permanently installed between
  8 rails or guides, but does not include hand operated dumbwaiters,
  9 platform lifts for loading docks, manlifts of the platform type
  10 with a platform area not exceeding nine hundred square inches,
  11 construction hoists or other similar temporary lifting or lowering
  12 apparatus.
- 13 (9) "Elevator apprentice" means a person who meets the 14 requirements set forth in legislative rule promulgated pursuant to 15 this article.
- 16 (10) "Elevator mechanic" means a person who possesses an 17 elevator mechanic's license in accordance with the provisions of 18 this article and who is engaged in the business of erecting, 19 constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing or 20 maintaining elevators or related conveyances covered by this 21 article.
- (11) "Freight elevator" means an elevator used for carrying
  treight and on which only the operator, by the permission of the
  allowed to ride.
- 25 (12) "Inspector" means both a division inspector and a private

- 1 inspector.
- 2 (13) "License" means a license issued to an elevator mechanic,
- 3 accessibility technician or limited technician pursuant to this
- 4 article.
- 5 (14) "Private residence elevator" means a passenger elevator
- 6 of which use is limited by size, capacity, rise and speed, and
- 7 access is limited by its location, by the requirement of a key for
- 8 its operation or by other restriction.
- 9 (15) "Passenger elevator" means an elevator that is designed
- 10 to carry persons to its contract capacity.
- 11 (16) "Limited Use/Limited Application elevator" means a power
- 12 elevator in which the use and application is limited by size,
- 13 capacity, speed and rise.
- 14 (17) "Private inspector" means a person who has been examined
- 15 and issued a certificate of competency to inspect elevators within
- 16 this state.
- 17 §21-3C-10a. License requirements for elevator mechanics,
- accessibility technicians, limited technicians; contractors
- 19 license requirements; supervision of elevator apprentices
- 20 requirements.
- 21 (a) A person may not engage or offer to engage in the business
- 22 of erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing,
- 23 repairing or maintaining elevators or related conveyances covered
- 24 by this article in this state, unless he or she has a license

- 1 issued by the commissioner in accordance with this article.
- 2 (b) A person licensed under this article shall:
- 3 (1) Have in his or her possession a copy of the license issued 4 pursuant to this article on any job on which he or she is 5 performing elevator mechanic work; and
- 6 (2) Be, or be employed by, a contractor licensed pursuant to
  7 the provisions of article eleven, chapter twenty-one of this code
  8 unless the work is performed by a historic resort hotel's regular
  9 employees, for which the employees are paid regular wages and not
  10 a contract price, on property owned or leased by the historic
  11 resort hotel which is not intended for speculative sale or lease;
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- 13 (c) Elevator mechanic license. --
- 14 (1) To obtain an elevator mechanic's license, a person shall:
- (A) Successfully complete educational programs that are registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the United States Department of Labor, including all required examinations and work experience: *Provided*, That if an applicant successfully completes such educational program prior to being registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the United States Department of Labor, the division may grant a license to the applicant after he or she demonstrates to the commissioner
- 23 that he or she has successfully completed all the test and work
- 24 experience requirements; or
- 25 (B) (i) Provide to the commissioner an acceptable combination

- 1 of documented experience and educational credits of not less than
- 2 four years of recent and active experience in the elevator industry
- 3 in construction, maintenance, or service/repair or any combination
- 4 thereof, as verified by current and previous employers listed to do
- 5 business in this state, on a sworn affidavit; and
- 6 (ii) Obtain a score of 70% or better on a written competency
- 7 examination approved or provided by the division.
- 8 (2) A licensed elevator mechanic may work on all elevators
- 9 covered by this article.
- 10 (d) Accessibility technician license. --
- 11 (1) To obtain an accessibility technician's license a person
- 12 shall:
- 13 (A) Provide to the commissioner a certificate of completion of
- 14 an accessibility training program for the elevator industry such as
- 15 the Certified Accessibility Training (CAT) program by the National
- 16 Association of Elevator Contractors, or an equivalent nationally
- 17 recognized training program; or
- 18 (B) (i) Have at least eighteen months experience in the
- 19 construction, maintenance, service and repair, or any combination
- 20 thereof, as verified by current and previous employers, licensed to
- 21 do business in this state, on a sworn affidavit, of accessibility
- 22 lifts;
- 23 (ii) Have at least one year of documented vocational training
- 24 and/or an associate degree in a related field; and
- 25 (iii) Obtain a score of 70% or better on a written competency

- 1 examination approved or provided by the commissioner.
- 2 (2) A person holding an accessibility technician license may 3 only perform work on accessibility equipment.
- 4 (3) A person holding an accessibility technician license may 5 obtain a limited use/limited application (LULA) elevator 6 endorsement. To obtain the LULA elevator endorsement, such person 7 shall:
- 8 (A) (i) Hold a current accessibility technician license;
- 9 (ii) Provide the commissioner with a certificate of LULA 10 manufacturer's training; and
- (iii) Provide at least one year of documented work experience
  to the commissioner, on a sworn affidavit, in the construction,
  maintenance, service and repair of LULA elevators and comparable
  equipment, which was completed under the supervision of a licensed
  accessibility technician; or
- (B) As of July 1, 2012, have at least eighteen months of accessibility technician's experience in construction, maintenance, 18 service and repair, or any combination thereof, as verified by 19 current and previous employers, licensed to do business in this 20 state, on a sworn affidavit: *Provided*, That an additional one year 21 of documented work as an accessibility technician with 22 certification of manufacturer's factory training, is required 23 before a LULA endorsement may be obtained.
- 24 (4) Any person carrying an accessibility license as of July 1, 25 2012, shall receive the required endorsement to continue to work on

- $\boldsymbol{1}$  this type of equipment, and will be qualified to supervise future
- 2 applicants as described in this section.
- 3 (e) Limited technician license. --
- 4 (1) To obtain a limited technician's license an applicant 5 shall:
- 6 (A) Complete a certified apprenticeship program, registered by
  7 the United States Department of Labor established at a historic
  8 resort hotel, qualifying for a limited technician license; or
- 9 (B) Provide an acceptable combination of documented 10 experience, and educational credits of not less than three years of 11 recent and active experience in the elevator industry, in 12 maintenance, or service/repair or any combination thereof, as 13 verified by current and previous employers authorized to do 14 business in this state, on a sworn affidavit; and obtain a score of 15 70% or better on a written competency examination approved or 16 provided by the division.
- 17 (2) A person holding a limited technician license may only
  18 perform work at a historic resort hotel: *Provided;* That for
  19 purposes of this section, "historic resort hotel" has the same
  20 meaning ascribed to it in section two, article twenty-five, chapter
  21 twenty-nine of this code.
- 22 (f) Elevator apprentice. --
- 23 (1) An elevator apprentice who is enrolled in an 24 apprenticeship program approved by the commissioner, and who is in 25 good standing in the program, may work under the supervision of a

- 1 licensed elevator mechanic, as follows:
- 2 (A) An apprentice who has not successfully completed the
- 3 equivalent of at least one year of the program may work only under
- 4 the direct supervision of a licensed elevator mechanic who is
- ${\bf 5}$  present on the premises and available to the apprentice at all
- 6 times.
- 7 (B) An apprentice who has successfully completed the
- 8 equivalent of at least one year of the program may:
- 9 (i) Work under the direct supervision of a licensed elevator
- 10 mechanic as set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection; and
- 11 (ii) Perform the tasks set forth in this paragraph, only if
- 12 delegated by and performed under the general supervision of a
- 13 licensed elevator mechanic, who must, at a minimum, meet the
- 14 apprentice on the job at the beginning of each day to delegate the
- 15 specific tasks, and who remains responsible for the delegated
- 16 tasks:
- 17 (I) Oiling, cleaning, greasing and painting;
- 18 (II) Replacing of combplate teeth;
- 19 (III) Relamping and fixture maintenance;
- 20 (iv) Inspection, cleaning and lubricating of hoistway doors,
- 21 car tops, bottoms and pits; and
- 22 (IV) Observing operation of equipment.
- 23 §21-3C-10b. Issuance and renewal of licenses.
- 24 (a) Upon approval of a properly completed application for
- 25 licensure, the commissioner may issue a person a license under the

- 1 provisions of this article.
- 2 (b) The licenses issued under the provisions of this article
- 3 shall be renewed biennially upon application for renewal on a form
- 4 prescribed by the commissioner and payment of a fee established by
- 5 legislative rule.
- 6 (c) Upon a proper application for renewal, the commissioner
- 7 shall renew a license, even if the license holder is unemployed or
- 8 not working in the industry at the time of renewal: Provided, That
- 9 before the license holder may engage or offer to engage in the
- 10 business of erecting, constructing, installing, altering,
- 11 servicing, repairing, or maintaining an elevator or related
- 12 conveyance covered by this article, the license holder shall be a
- 13 contractor, or be employed by a contractor licensed pursuant to the
- 14 provisions of section ten-a, article eleven, chapter twenty-one of
- 15 the code.

## 16 §21-3C-11. Disposition of fees; legislative rules.

- 17 (a) The division shall propose rules for legislative approval
- 18 in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter
- 19 twenty-nine-a of this code, for the implementation and enforcement
- 20 of the provisions of this article, which shall provide:
- 21 (1) Standards, qualifications and procedures for submitting
- 22 applications, taking examinations, and issuing and renewing
- 23 licenses, certificates of competency and certificates of operation
- 24 of the three licensure classifications set forth in section ten-a
- 25 of this article;

- 1 (2) For the renewal of a license, even if the licensee is
  2 unemployed or not working in the industry: *Provided*, That to engage
  3 or offer to engage in the business of erecting, constructing,
  4 installing, altering, servicing, repairing, or maintaining an
  5 elevator or related conveyance covered by this article, the
  6 licensee shall be a contractor, or be employed by a contractor
  7 licensed pursuant to the provisions of section ten-a, article
  8 eleven, chapter twenty-one of the code;
- 9 (3) Qualifications and supervision requirements for elevator 10 apprentices;
- 11 (4) Provisions for the granting of licenses without
  12 examination, to applicants who present satisfactory evidence of
  13 having the expertise required to perform work as defined in this
  14 article and who apply for licensure on or before July 1, 2010:
  15 Provided, That if a license issued under the authority of this
  16 subsection subsequently lapses, the applicant may, at the
  17 discretion of the commissioner, be subject to all licensure
  18 requirements, including the examination;
- 19 (5) Provisions for the granting of emergency licenses in the 20 event of an emergency due to disaster, act of God or work stoppage 21 when the number of persons in the state holding licenses issued 22 pursuant to this article is insufficient to cope with the 23 emergency;
- 24 (6) Provisions for the granting of temporary licenses in the 25 event that there are no elevator mechanics available to engage in

- 1 the work of an elevator mechanic as defined by this article;
- 2 (7) Continuing education requirements;
- 3 (8) Procedures for investigating complaints and revoking or
- 4 suspending licenses, certificates of competency and certificates of
- 5 operation, including appeal procedures;
- 6 (9) Fees for testing, issuance and renewal of licenses,
- 7 certificates of competency and certificates of operation, and other
- 8 costs necessary to administer the provisions of this article;
- 9 (10) Enforcement procedures; and
- 10 (11) Any other rules necessary to effectuate the purposes of
- 11 this article.
- 12 (b) The rules proposed for promulgation pursuant to subsection
- 13 (a) of this section shall establish the amount of any fee
- 14 authorized pursuant to the provisions of this article: Provided,
- 15 That in no event may the fees established for the issuance of
- 16 certificates of operation exceed \$50.
- 17 (c) All fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this
- 18 article shall be deposited in an appropriated special revenue
- 19 account hereby created in the State Treasury known as the "Elevator
- 20 Safety Fund" and expended for the implementation and enforcement of
- 21 this article: Provided, That amounts collected which are found
- 22 from time to time to exceed funds needed for the purposes set forth
- 23 in this article may be transferred to other accounts or funds and
- 24 redesignated for other purposes by appropriation of the
- 25 Legislature.

- 1 (d) The division may enter into agreements with counties and 2 municipalities whereby such counties and municipalities be 3 permitted to retain the inspection fees collected to support the 4 enforcement activities at the local level.
- (e) The commissioner and his or her deputy commissioner or any compliance officer of the division as authorized by the commissioner may consult with engineering authorities and organizations concerned with standard safety codes, rules and regulations governing the operation, maintenance, servicing, construction, alteration, installation and the qualifications which are adequate, reasonable and necessary for the elevator mechanic and inspector.