

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 382

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

FIRE PROTECT/FIRE MARSHAL: Provides relative to emergency elevator access

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1582(B), relative to emergency elevator access; to require a  
3 new elevator installed in a commercial building with five or fewer stories to operate  
4 with the fire emergency master key; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1582(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1582. Emergency elevator access; master key; substitute emergency measures;  
8 enforcement; penalty; rulemaking authority

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10 B. Each existing building in this state which is six or more stories in height  
11 shall comply with Subsection A of this Section before January 1, 2012. Each  
12 building in this state, except for one- and two-family dwellings, which is five or  
13 fewer stories in height in which a new elevator is installed after January 1, 2013,  
14 shall comply with Subsection A of this Section.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires a new elevator installed after Jan. 1, 2013, in a commercial building with five or fewer stories to operate with the fire emergency master key.

Present law requires all buildings which are six or more stories in height and constructed or

substantially renovated after Jan. 1, 2009, to have all of the keys for elevators that allow public access keyed so as to allow all elevators to operate in fire emergency situations with a single master elevator key.

Present law requires all existing buildings which are six or more stories in height to comply with present law before Jan. 1, 2012.

Proposed law requires all buildings, except for one- and two-family dwellings, which are five or fewer stories in height in which a new elevator is installed after Jan. 1, 2013, to comply with present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1582(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made a technical correction.
2. Limited the application of proposed law to commercial buildings only.