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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ELEVATORS AND ESCALATORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO DETERMINE THEIR LOCATION AND CONDITION, PREPARE A REPORT THAT INCLUDES ANY STATUTE OR RULE CHANGES THAT WOULD IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY REGARDING ELEVATORS AND ESCALATORS AND PRESENT THAT REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico neither takes inventory of, nor maintains records of, commercial or residential elevators and escalators; and

WHEREAS, emergency services personnel might greatly benefit from having information regarding the whereabouts of elevators and escalators; and

WHEREAS, aging infrastructure in cities and rural communities may pose a threat to the safety of mechanics,

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1 inspectors and the general ridership of elevators and
2 escalators; and

3 WHEREAS, it is estimated that a large percentage of all
4 injuries and deaths relating to elevators and escalators are
5 unreported; and

6 WHEREAS, there may be a correlation between improperly
7 maintained elevator and escalator equipment and deaths and
8 injuries on the job; and

9 WHEREAS, more information about the whereabouts and
10 condition of elevators and escalators could help ameliorate
11 public safety concerns in the state; and

12 WHEREAS, the intent of compiling such information would be
13 to assist emergency services and disability services providers
14 in locating elevators and escalators and address public safety
15 concerns for mechanics, inspectors and the general ridership;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, building owners should benefit from decreased
18 liability by having an inspection performed on elevators and
19 escalators; and

20 WHEREAS, manufacturers of elevator and escalator equipment
21 and licensed elevator and escalator repair personnel support
22 ensuring the safety of mechanics, inspectors and the general
23 ridership; and

24 WHEREAS, twenty-one states have passed legislation to
25 improve the safety of those who work and come into contact with

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1 elevator and escalator machinery; and

2 WHEREAS, the public safety could be improved by
3 establishing the jurisdiction of the construction industries
4 division of the regulation and licensing department over
5 elevators and escalators until after a building or state fire
6 marshal has inspected the premises or until a certificate of
7 occupancy has been issued to a site;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
9 OF NEW MEXICO that the regulation and licensing department be
10 requested to conduct a study of the locations and condition of
11 elevators and escalators in New Mexico; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the regulation and licensing
13 department be asked to prepare a report that includes any
14 statute or rule changes that would improve public safety
15 regarding elevators and escalators and present that report to
16 the appropriate interim legislative committee; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the regulation and licensing
18 department study the cost of and the utility or benefit to
19 building owners of a statewide inspection program focusing on
20 elevators and escalators; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
23 council, the governor and the superintendent of regulation and
24 licensing.