

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1529

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Elevator Safety Act; amending  
8 59 O.S. 2011, Section 3021, which relates to license;  
9 modifying language; removing certain penalties;  
10 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 3023, as amended by  
11 Section 9, Chapter 93, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S. Supp.  
12 2017, Section 3023), which relates to elevator  
13 inspections; requiring new nonresidential elevators  
14 be inspected by the Commissioner or designee;  
15 amending Section 4, Chapter 93, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S.  
16 Supp. 2017, Section 3023.2), which relates to private  
17 residences; providing for third party inspections;  
18 amending Section 8, Chapter 93, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S.  
19 Supp. 2017, Section 3023.6), which relates to annual  
20 inspections; authorizing reasonable time for  
21 compliance; updating statutory references; and  
22 providing an effective date.  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 3021, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 3021. A. The Legislature, finding that the protection  
of public health and safety requires that elevators and similar  
devices be installed, maintained, and regularly inspected in  
compliance with recognized safety standards and codes, declares that

1 elevator contractors, elevator mechanics, and elevator inspectors  
2 shall be licensed by this state pursuant to the Elevator Safety Act.

3 B. 1. ~~Effective November 1, 2006, except~~ Except as otherwise  
4 provided for by the Elevator Safety Act or rules promulgated  
5 pursuant thereto, no person shall erect, construct, install, wire,  
6 alter, replace, maintain, remove, repair, or dismantle any elevator  
7 unless the person holds a valid elevator mechanic's license pursuant  
8 to the Elevator Safety Act and is employed by a person or business  
9 entity licensed as an elevator contractor pursuant to the Elevator  
10 Safety Act. ~~Any person violating the provisions of this subsection~~  
11 ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to a~~  
12 ~~fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the first~~  
13 ~~offense and up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each~~  
14 ~~additional offense, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more~~  
15 ~~than ten (10) days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day's~~  
16 ~~violation shall constitute a separate offense. Conviction as~~  
17 ~~provided herein shall not preclude any filing of a civil action.~~

18 2. Whenever an emergency exists in this state due to disaster,  
19 act of God or work stoppage, and the number of persons in the state  
20 holding licenses issued by the Commissioner of Labor is insufficient  
21 to cope with the emergency, licensed elevator contractors shall  
22 respond as necessary to assure the safety of the public. Any person  
23 certified by a licensed elevator contractor to have an acceptable  
24 combination of documented experience and education to perform

1 elevator work without direct and immediate supervision shall apply  
2 for an emergency elevator mechanic license from the Department of  
3 Labor within five (5) business days after commencing work requiring  
4 a license. The Commissioner shall issue emergency elevator mechanic  
5 licenses. The licensed elevator contractor shall furnish proof of  
6 competency as the Commissioner may require. Each such license shall  
7 state that it is valid for a period of forty-five (45) days from the  
8 date thereof and for such particular elevators or geographical areas  
9 as the Commissioner may designate and otherwise shall entitle the  
10 licensee to the rights and privileges of an elevator mechanic  
11 license issued pursuant to the Elevator Safety Act. The  
12 Commissioner shall renew an emergency elevator mechanic license upon  
13 proper application during the existence of an emergency. No fee  
14 shall be charged for any emergency elevator mechanic license or  
15 renewal thereof.

16 3. A licensed elevator contractor shall notify the Commissioner  
17 of Labor when there are no licensed personnel available to perform  
18 elevator work. The licensed elevator contractor may request that  
19 the Commissioner issue temporary elevator mechanic licenses to  
20 persons certified by the licensed elevator contractor to have an  
21 acceptable combination of documented experience and education to  
22 perform elevator work without direct and immediate supervision. Any  
23 person certified by a licensed elevator contractor to have any  
24 combination of documented experience and education to perform

1 elevator work without direct and immediate supervision shall  
2 immediately apply for a temporary elevator mechanic license from the  
3 Commissioner and shall pay such fee as the Commissioner shall  
4 determine. Each such license shall state that it is valid for a  
5 period not to exceed ~~forty-five (45)~~ thirty (30) days and while  
6 employed by the licensed elevator contractor that certified the  
7 individual as qualified. The Commissioner shall renew such licenses  
8 upon proper application and payment of any required fees as long as  
9 the shortage of license holders shall continue.

10 4. The Commissioner of Labor or an authorized representative  
11 may issue a written order for the temporary cessation of operation  
12 of an elevator if it has been determined after inspection to be  
13 hazardous, unsafe, or in violation of any provisions of the Elevator  
14 Safety Act or rules promulgated by the Commissioner. Operations  
15 shall not resume until such conditions are corrected to the  
16 satisfaction of the Commissioner. The Commissioner or an authorized  
17 representative may inspect any elevator without notice. The  
18 Commissioner or an authorized representative may issue a written  
19 order for the temporary cessation of any licensing violations and/or  
20 any violations of any rule or order promulgated pursuant to the  
21 provisions of the Elevator Safety Act.

22 5. Any alleged violator of paragraph 2 of this subsection shall  
23 be afforded an opportunity for a fair and swift administrative  
24 hearing. The hearing may be conducted by the Commissioner or

1 his/her designated hearing officer in conformity with, and records  
2 made thereof as provided by, Sections 308a through 323 of Title 75  
3 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

4 6. Any order issued by the Commissioner or an authorized  
5 representative may be enforced in the district court in an action  
6 for an injunction or writ of mandamus upon the petition of the  
7 district attorney or Attorney General, upon the request of the  
8 Commissioner. Provided further, an injunction without bond may be  
9 granted by the district court to the Commissioner, for the purpose  
10 of enforcing the Elevator Safety Act.

11 C. ~~Effective November 1, 2006, except~~ Except as otherwise  
12 provided by the Elevator Safety Act, every elevator in this state  
13 shall be subject to the provisions as required by ~~this act~~ the  
14 Elevator Safety Act. ~~Within six (6) months of November 1, 2006, the~~  
15 The owner or lessee of every elevator ~~already~~ in service or put into  
16 service ~~by November 1, 2006,~~ shall register the elevator with the  
17 Department of Labor, giving the type, rated load and speed, name of  
18 manufacturer, location of the elevator, and purpose for which used,  
19 as well as such other information as the Commissioner of Labor may  
20 require. Elevators newly constructed or installed ~~on or after~~  
21 ~~November 1, 2006,~~ shall be registered and inspected before being put  
22 into service.

23 D. The provisions of the Elevator Safety Act shall not apply to  
24 elevators that are:

1           1. In or adjacent to buildings or excavations owned by and/or  
2 under the operational control of the government of the United States  
3 or located on federal property and/or a sovereign tribal nation.  
4 Such elevators shall be inspected if the authorized representative  
5 of the owner request such an inspection in writing and agrees to pay  
6 inspection fees established pursuant to the Elevator Safety Act;

7           2. In an existing owner-occupied private residence or an  
8 existing building of not more than two floors owned by a municipal  
9 public trust that is used solely for independent living apartments  
10 for persons sixty-two (62) years of age or older; provided, such  
11 elevators shall be inspected if the property owner so requests and  
12 pays inspection fees established pursuant to the Elevator Safety  
13 Act. Inspection of an elevator pursuant to this paragraph shall not  
14 cause any other provision of the Elevator Safety Act to apply to the  
15 owner with respect to the private residence or building; or

16           3. Located in or adjacent to a building or structure within a  
17 manufacturing, utility or industrial facility. Such elevators shall  
18 be inspected if the authorized representative of the facility  
19 requests such an inspection in writing and agrees to pay inspection  
20 fees established pursuant to the Elevator Safety Act.

21           E. Nothing in the Elevator Safety Act shall be construed as  
22 prohibiting municipalities, counties, or other political  
23 subdivisions of the state from enacting and enforcing licensure  
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1 requirements or safety standards exceeding those required by the  
2 Elevator Safety Act.

3 F. Provisions of Section 863.1 et seq. of Title 19 of the  
4 Oklahoma Statutes that are in conflict with provisions of the  
5 Elevator Safety Act shall prevail over provisions of the Elevator  
6 Safety Act unless the provisions of Section 863.1 et seq. of Title  
7 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes are less stringent than the provisions  
8 of the Elevator Safety Act.

9 G. No person, firm, or corporation shall interfere with,  
10 obstruct, or hinder by force or otherwise the Commissioner of Labor  
11 or an authorized representative while in the performance of their  
12 duties, or refuse to properly answer questions asked by such  
13 officers pertaining to the laws over which he or she has supervision  
14 under the provisions of the Elevator Safety Act, or refuse them  
15 admittance to any place where an elevator is located which is  
16 affected by the ~~act~~ Elevator Safety Act.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 3023, as  
18 amended by Section 9, Chapter 93, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017,  
19 Section 3023), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 3023. A. There is hereby established an Elevator  
21 Inspection Bureau in the Department of Labor under the direction of  
22 the chief elevator inspector, who shall be responsible to the  
23 Commissioner of Labor or a duly authorized representative for the  
24 supervision, inspection, alteration, installation, testing, and

1 maintenance of elevators and other such devices within the  
2 definitions of the Elevator Safety Act.

3 The Elevator Inspection Bureau shall be furnished with  
4 sufficient personnel, deputy inspectors, and clerical aids to  
5 perform the assigned duties within the limits prescribed by the  
6 Commissioner of Labor.

7 The chief elevator inspector and deputy inspectors, under the  
8 supervision of the Commissioner of Labor, shall:

9 1. Take action necessary for the enforcement of the Elevator  
10 Safety Act and these rules;

11 2. Make available upon request copies of the rules promulgated  
12 by the agency; and

13 3. Issue, suspend or revoke for cause certificates, licenses,  
14 and registrations as may be issued by the provisions of the Elevator  
15 Safety Act, and administer other disciplinary actions as prescribed  
16 in rules as promulgated by the Commissioner of Labor.

17 B. The Commissioner of Labor is authorized to adopt and  
18 promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.  
19 Definitions, rules, and regulations so adopted shall be based upon  
20 and follow generally accepted national engineering standards,  
21 formula, and practices. The Commissioner of Labor may adopt an  
22 existing American national standard known as the Safety Code for  
23 Elevators and Escalators of the American Society of Mechanical  
24 Engineers (ASME).



1 C. Under the provisions of the Elevator Safety Act, the  
2 Commissioner of Labor is responsible to provide rules for the safety  
3 of life, limb, and property and therefore has jurisdiction over the  
4 interpretation and application of the inspection requirements as  
5 provided for in the rules. Inspection during construction and  
6 installation shall certify as to the minimum requirements for safety  
7 as defined in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code or  
8 other construction standards acceptable to the Commissioner of  
9 Labor. Inspection requirements of operating equipment shall be in  
10 accordance with generally accepted practice and compatible with the  
11 actual service conditions such as:

- 12 1. History of previous experience, previous records of  
13 inspection, performance, and maintenance;
- 14 2. Location, with respect to personnel hazard;
- 15 3. Quality of inspection and operating personnel;
- 16 4. Provisions for related safe operating controls; and
- 17 5. Interrelation with other operations outside the scope of the  
18 Elevator Safety Act.

19 D. Inspections required by the Elevator Safety Act shall be  
20 conducted by inspectors licensed by the Department of Labor.

21 E. Inspections conducted for the issuance of a certificate of  
22 operation for new nonresidential installations shall be performed by  
23 the Commissioner or his or her designee.

24 F. Periodic inspections shall be performed by:

1 1. A licensed third party inspector who at the time of  
2 inspection possesses a valid elevator inspector's license issued by  
3 the Department of Labor;

4 2. An elevator inspector employed by the liability insurance  
5 company of record of the owner of the elevator or device who at the  
6 time of inspection is in possession of a valid elevator inspector's  
7 license issued by the Department of Labor; or

8 3. An elevator inspector employed by the Department of Labor.

9 G. Elevator Inspectors, not employed by the Department of  
10 Labor, shall submit to the Commissioner of Labor, an insurance  
11 policy or certified copy thereof, issued by an insurance company  
12 authorized to do business in this state to provide general liability  
13 coverage of a least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for injury  
14 or death of any number of persons in any one occurrence, with the  
15 coverage of at least Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for  
16 property damage in any one occurrence and proof of workers'  
17 compensation coverage.

18 H. Elevators, escalators, and other such devices within the  
19 definitions of the Elevator Safety Act shall receive an inspection  
20 for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of operation:

21 1. Two-floor to four-floor elevator units, not to exceed two  
22 (2) years;

23 2. Any wire-rope elevator, regardless of floors, annually;

24 3. Escalators and moving walkways, annually;

1 4. Wheelchair lifts, triennially;

2 5. Temporary elevators shall be inspected at each erection and  
3 every ninety (90) days or as the code requires; and

4 6. Any elevator or other such device subject to the provisions  
5 of the Elevator Safety Act located in a structure whose occupants  
6 are mobility restricted, such as hospitals, nursing homes, and  
7 residential care facilities, shall be inspected annually.

8 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 93, O.S.L. 2016  
9 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 3023.2), is amended to read as follows:

10 Section 3023.2. A. The certificate of operation fee for newly  
11 installed elevators, platform lifts, and stairway chairlifts for  
12 private residences shall be subsequent to an inspection by a third  
13 party inspector or by the Commissioner or his or her designee.

14 B. ~~The~~ A third party inspector or the Commissioner, or his or  
15 her designee, shall inspect, in accordance with the requirements set  
16 forth in this chapter, all newly installed elevators, platform  
17 lifts, and stairway chairlifts for private residences. For newly  
18 installed residential elevators and other residential elevators, the  
19 inspector shall note on the inspection report compliance with the  
20 applicable codes governing protection of hoist way openings,  
21 commonly known as the 3x5 rule.

22 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 93, O.S.L. 2016  
23 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 3023.6), is amended to read as follows:  
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1 Section 3023.6. A. Initial inspections shall be conducted by  
2 the Commissioner or his or her designee. It shall be the  
3 responsibility of the owners of all new and existing conveyances  
4 located in any building or structure to have the conveyances  
5 inspected annually (ASME A17.1, category one) by a licensed elevator  
6 inspector. Subsequent to inspection, the licensed elevator  
7 inspector shall supply the property owner or lessee and the  
8 Commissioner with a written inspection report describing any and all  
9 violations. Property owners shall have thirty (30) days from the  
10 date of the published inspection report, or a reasonable period of  
11 time as determined by the Commissioner, to be in full compliance  
12 with correcting the violations.

13 B. It shall be the responsibility of the owners of conveyances  
14 to have a licensed elevator inspector, as described in this chapter,  
15 ensure that the required tests are performed at intervals in  
16 compliance with ASME A17.1, ASME A18.1 and ASCE 21.

17 C. All tests shall be performed by a licensed elevator  
18 mechanic.

19 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.  
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