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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Including Escalators and Manlifts in the Elevator Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 26, § 401, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 401 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

5. Elevator. "Elevator" shall include escalators and manlifts and shall mean a guided hoisting and lowering mechanism equipped with a car or platform or load-carrying unit ~~which is guided in a substantially vertical direction, and shall include,~~ including the doors, well, enclosures, means and appurtenances required by these regulations. The term "elevator" shall not include a dumbwaiter, ~~endless belt~~ conveyor, chain or bucket hoist or temporary devices used for the primary purpose of elevating or lowering building materials or authorized personnel on a construction site, nor shall it include tiering, piling, feeding or other machines or devices giving service within only one story.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 26, § 401, sub-§ 7, amended. Subsection 7 of section 401 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

7. Passenger elevator. "Passenger elevator" shall mean an elevator that is used to carry persons other than the operator and persons necessary for loading and unloading, **except that passenger elevator shall not mean an escalator or manlift.**

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 26, § 401, sub-§§ 9 & 10, additional. Section 401 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding 2 new subsections, to read as follows:

9. Escalator. "Escalator" shall mean a power-driven, inclined, continuous stairway used for raising or lowering passengers.

10. Manlift. "Manlift" shall mean a device consisting of a power-driven endless belt or chains provided with steps or platforms and handholds attached to it for the transportation of personnel from floor to floor.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 26, § 461, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 461 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

To maintain a certificate in force, either a state elevator inspector or an authorized elevator inspector shall inspect every passenger elevator periodically every ~~6th~~ 3rd calendar month and every freight elevator, **escalator and manlift** every ~~12th~~ 6th calendar month following the month in which the initial inspection has been made.