

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 172

H. P. 142

House of Representatives, January 27, 1977

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Inspections and Inspection Fees of Elevators.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 461, 2nd ¶, 1st sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 110, § 4, is further amended to read:

To maintain a certificate in force, either a state elevator inspector or an authorized elevator inspector shall inspect every passenger ~~elevator periodically every 3rd calendar month~~ and every freight elevator, escalator and manlift every ~~6th~~ 4th calendar month following the month in which the initial inspection has been made.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 464, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 683, is further amended to read:

The initial inspection shall be made by the supervising inspector or a state elevator inspector and the fee for such initial inspection of each new or altered elevator shall be ~~\$20~~ \$25 plus expenses. Fees for each required periodic inspection subsequent to the initial inspection shall be ~~\$15~~ \$20.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Presently, the law requires that passenger elevators be inspected every 3 months and freight elevators every 6 months. For the most part, the passenger elevators within the State are in much better operating condition than the freight elevators. It is, therefore, suggested that the law be changed to require all elevators within the State to be inspected at least every 4 months.

At present, insurance companies who submit inspection reports to the State are charging against the policy approximately \$29 per inspection. The Board of Elevator Rules and Regulations is charging \$15 and its cost of each average inspection is \$17.47. This figure was determined as follows: Salaries, \$43,585; fringe benefits and administrative costs, \$11,506.44; field expenses, \$5,136.74; total cost of operation, \$60,228.18. Dividing this by 3,446 inspections gives an annual cost of \$17.47; total income fiscal 1974-75, \$56,592. These figures, indicate the Board's costs exceeded its income by \$3,636.18.

Therefore, the fee for initial inspections should be changed from a flat \$20 fee to \$25 plus expenses and the fee for regular inspections should be changed from \$15 to \$20. It is anticipated that these changes would return to the Treasurer of State at least an additional \$17,230.