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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 646

7 S.P. 251

In Senate, February 21, 1985

8 Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence
9 and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Baldacci of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator Hichens of York.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Standards for
18 Handicapped Restricted-use Elevators.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 26 MRSA §490-H is enacted to read:

23 §490-H. Handicapped restricted-use elevators

24 1. Permit; issuance. Notwithstanding this chap-
25 ter or any rules promulgated under this chapter, the
26 director may issue a special permit for the installa-
27 tion and use of an elevator for the transportation of
28 handicapped persons in a building where no other ele-
29 vators are installed or in operation. The director
30 may require, before issuing a permit under this sec-
31 tion, that the applicant demonstrate that the failure
32 to install such an elevator will deprive a known
33 group or a known handicapped person of the use of the
34 building.

1 2. Requirements. Any elevator installed pursu-
2 ant to this section shall meet the following require-
3 ments.

4 A. The elevator shall comply with the American
5 National Standards Safety Code for elevators,
6 dumbwaiters, escalators and moving walks.

7 B. The elevator shall be used by a maximum of
8 one handicapped person and one attendant at a
9 time. Where a handicapped person is unable to
10 operate the elevator in a manner which will in-
11 sure access to all operating controls and safety
12 features, an attendant shall accompany the handi-
13 capped person.

14 C. The elevator shall be key operated and shall
15 not be capable of being called by buttons or
16 switches. The keys to operate the elevator shall
17 be in the control of the handicapped person, the
18 attendant or a person in a position of responsi-
19 bility in the building.

20 D. A list shall be maintained in the building
21 indicating the persons holding keys for the oper-
22 ation of the elevator.

23 E. Each landing for the elevator shall be posted
24 to indicate that the elevator is only for the use
25 of handicapped persons.

26 F. The travel distance of the elevator shall not
27 exceed 50 feet.

28 3. Inspection. Elevators installed and operated
29 pursuant to this section shall be inspected in the
30 same manner as other elevators to insure that they
31 comply with the provisions of this section.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to permit the instal-
3 lation and use of handicapped restricted-use eleva-
4 tors in buildings where no other elevator exists and
5 where handicapped persons would be deprived of use of
6 the building without such elevators.

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