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**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 56, L.D. 65, Bill, "An Act to Require That Elevators in Public Buildings be Large Enough to Accommodate Ambulance Stretchers"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Require Elevators Installed during New Construction be Large enough to Accommodate Ambulance Stretchers'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §15228 is enacted to read:**

**§15228. Elevator size**

**1. Requirements.** Notwithstanding section 15206, whenever a passenger elevator is installed in a building being newly constructed or in a new addition that extends beyond the exterior walls of an existing building, the passenger elevator must reach all levels within the building and be of sufficient size to allow the transport of a person on an ambulance stretcher in the fully supine position, without having to raise, lower or bend the stretcher in any way. This requirement applies to all plans approved by the board after January 1, 2002. The board shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

**2. Applicability.** This section applies only to multi-story buildings that house private entities or nonprofit organizations

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2 that serve the public or are places of public accommodation.  
3 Notwithstanding Title 5, section 4553, subsection 8, places of  
4 public accommodation include restaurants, cafes, hotels, inns,  
5 banks, theaters, motion picture houses, bars, taverns, night  
6 clubs, country clubs, convention centers, retail stores, shopping  
7 centers, hospitals, private schools, day care centers, senior  
8 citizen centers, doctor offices, professional offices,  
9 manufacturing facilities, apartment buildings, condominiums,  
10 state facilities or any private establishment that in fact caters  
11 to, or offers its goods, facilities or services to, or solicits  
12 or accepts patronage from, the general public. This section does  
13 not apply to any building owned by a local unit of government.'

14 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
15 summary the following:

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17 **FISCAL NOTE**

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19 The Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety will incur some  
20 minor additional costs to adopt rules requiring that elevators in  
21 public buildings be large enough to accommodate ambulance  
22 stretchers. These costs can be absorbed within the board's  
23 existing budgeted resources.'

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26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment requires that whenever plans for the  
28 construction of a new multi-story building or for a new addition  
29 to an existing multi-story building that extends beyond the  
30 original exterior walls include the installation of a passenger  
31 elevator, the elevator must be large enough to accommodate an  
32 ambulance stretcher in a fully supine position. The amendment  
33 applies to buildings that house private or nonprofit entities  
34 that serve the public or are places of public accommodation  
35 constructed after January 1, 2002. The amendment excludes  
36 buildings owned by a local unit of government. This amendment  
37 also adds a fiscal note to the bill.  
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