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S. P. 350

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Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator McKusick of Piscataquis.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Providing for Inspection of Installation and Alteration of  
Elevators.**

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

**R. S., c. 25, §§ 37-A, 37-B, additional.** Chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 37-A and 37-B, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 37-A. Inspection of elevators.** The installation and alteration of all elevators shall be under the supervision of the inspectors of the department of labor and industry. No elevator shall be installed or altered until a copy of the plans and specifications of such elevator or the proposed alterations shall have been filed by the owner of the premises where the elevator is to be installed or altered, or by the manufacturer of the elevator, with the commissioner of labor and industry, and a certificate of approval or a specification of requirements shall have been issued by him. The inspectors of the department of labor and industry shall enforce the regulations made by said commissioner relating to the inspection and alterations as hereinafter provided. On completion of the work of installation or alteration, the manufacturer of the elevator or the person making the alterations shall make a practical test of the safety devices of the elevator

in the presence of an inspector from the department of labor and industry, and if the test is satisfactory to him, he shall issue a certificate approving the elevator and the safety devices thereof.

All elevators shall be thoroughly inspected and a practical test made of the safety devices required therefor at intervals of not more than 1 year and at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the inspector assigned by the commissioner in said department. Within 10 days after the inspection he shall report the result thereof to the commissioner of labor and industry upon forms to be furnished by him.

Sec. 37-B. Certificate; inspectors; penalty. If in the judgment of any inspector in said department an elevator is safe and if the elevator has been constructed in the manner required by law or by the regulations of the department, the inspector shall issue a certificate to that effect to the owner of the elevator or to the person in charge thereof, who shall post the certificate in a conspicuous place in or near the cab or car of such elevator. Otherwise, the inspector from the department shall immediately post conspicuously upon the entrance or door of the cab or car of such elevator, or upon the elevator, a notice of its dangerous condition, and shall prohibit the use of the elevator until it has been made safe to his satisfaction. No person shall remove such notice or operate such elevator until the inspector has issued his certificate as aforesaid. Any owner, operator, or person in charge of an elevator, or any person employed to inspect an elevator shall, if he thinks that such elevator is unsafe, make a written report thereof to the said commissioner who shall forthwith cause such elevator to be inspected. If any accident occurs to an elevator, the operator, person in charge, or owner, having knowledge thereof, shall immediately report such accident to the said commissioner, who shall forthwith order said elevator to be inspected.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ one or more inspectors to carry out and enforce the provisions of the elevator inspection law.

Any person violating or failing to comply with any provision of sections 37-A to section 37-B, or any regulation established thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.'