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## CHAPTER 178

## H.P. 56 - L.D. 65

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

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

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

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 179

## S.P. 21 - L.D. 37

**An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Child Care Advisory Council and to Gather Data on Child Care Services in the State**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 119th Legislature passed legislation pertaining to the laws governing child care; and

Whereas, due to the new legislation, there will be more work for the Child Care Advisory Council to do; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3739, sub-§2,** as corrected by RR 1995, c. 2, §42, is amended to read:

**2. Membership.** The council has a minimum of 25 members, appointed as follows:

A. One employee of the Bureau of Family Independence who is responsible for child care services, appointed by the commissioner;

B. Two employees of the Department of Human Services who are responsible for child care services, appointed by the commissioner;

C. One employee of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Bureau of Children with Special Needs, appointed by the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services;

D. One employee of the Department of Education, appointed by the Commissioner of Education;

E. One employee who coordinates the state Head Start program, appointed by the commissioner;

F. The State Fire Marshal or the State Fire Marshal's designee;

G. One employee of the Office of Substance Abuse, appointed by the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse;

H. One employee of the Department of Economic and Community Development, appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;