



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Committee Statement
LB 99

Hearing Date: January 24, 2005
Committee On: Business and Labor

Introducer(s): (Synowiecki, Connealy)
Title: Adopt the Conveyance Safety Act relating to elevator safety

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senators Cunningham, Combs, Preister, Burling and Schimek
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
2	Absent	Senators Chambers and Kremer

Proponents:

Senator John Synowiecki
Gregg Rogers
William Witt

Representing:

Introducer
Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund
Self

Opponents:

Ron Anglim
Bob Sackett

Representing:

Access Elevator Inc.
Complete Access

Neutral:

Tom Ukinski

Representing:

Nebraska Department of Labor

Summary of purpose and/or changes: LB 99 creates the Conveyance Safety Act in an effort to provide for the safety of those who use elevators and work on elevators. The Conveyance Advisory Committee is created to provide guidance to the Commissioner of Labor on the safety of elevators. The committee shall accomplish this by recommending qualifications for licensure of an elevator mechanic or elevator contractor, rules and regulations for temporary and emergency elevator mechanic licenses, an enforcement program for compliance with the act, rules regarding variances to the act, continuing education providers and license disciplinary actions.

The act seeks to provide safety to the public by establishing minimum educational and professional requirements for contractors and mechanics that install, repair, erect, construct, alter, service, test or maintain conveyances. The act also covers the replacement, removal or dismantling of any conveyance unless the conveyance is destroyed as a result of a complete demolition of a secured building. All conveyances will be inspected at the time of installation by an individual licensed under this act, unless the conveyance is excluded under section 8 of the act. This includes conveyances in private

residences. Additionally, conveyances will be inspected on an annual basis by a licensed elevator mechanic. Private residences are excluded from the annual inspections.

Explanation of amendments, if any: The amendment provides technical changes to the bill. The primary substantive changes are as follows:

1. It adds clarifying language that a private residence shall be subject to the act at the time of installation of a conveyance, but is not subject to periodic inspections.
2. Records of requests for an investigation shall be maintained by the commissioner or state elevator inspector for three years.

Senator Douglas Cunningham, Chairperson