

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT
3 A STUDY OF ELEVATORS AND ESCALATORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO
4 DETERMINE THEIR LOCATION AND CONDITION, PREPARE A REPORT THAT
5 INCLUDES ANY STATUTE OR RULE CHANGES THAT WOULD IMPROVE
6 PUBLIC SAFETY REGARDING ELEVATORS AND ESCALATORS AND PRESENT
7 THAT REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.
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9 WHEREAS, New Mexico neither takes inventory of, nor
10 maintains records of, commercial or residential elevators and
11 escalators; and

12 WHEREAS, emergency services personnel might greatly
13 benefit from having information regarding the whereabouts of
14 elevators and escalators; and

15 WHEREAS, aging infrastructure in cities and rural
16 communities may pose a threat to the safety of mechanics,
17 inspectors and the general ridership of elevators and
18 escalators; and

19 WHEREAS, it is estimated that a large percentage of all
20 injuries and deaths relating to elevators and escalators are
21 unreported; and

22 WHEREAS, there may be a correlation between improperly
23 maintained elevator and escalator equipment and deaths and
24 injuries on the job; and

25 WHEREAS, more information about the whereabouts and

1 condition of elevators and escalators could help ameliorate
2 public safety concerns in the state; and

3 WHEREAS, the intent of compiling such information would
4 be to assist emergency services and disability services
5 providers in locating elevators and escalators and address
6 public safety concerns for mechanics, inspectors and the
7 general ridership; and

8 WHEREAS, building owners should benefit from decreased
9 liability by having an inspection performed on elevators and
10 escalators; and

11 WHEREAS, manufacturers of elevator and escalator
12 equipment and licensed elevator and escalator repair
13 personnel support ensuring the safety of mechanics,
14 inspectors and the general ridership; and

15 WHEREAS, twenty-one states have passed legislation to
16 improve the safety of those who work and come into contact
17 with elevator and escalator machinery; and

18 WHEREAS, the public safety could be improved by
19 establishing the jurisdiction of the construction industries
20 division of the regulation and licensing department over
21 elevators and escalators until after a building or state fire
22 marshal has inspected the premises or until a certificate of
23 occupancy has been issued to a site;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the regulation and licensing

1 department be requested to conduct a study of the locations
2 and condition of elevators and escalators in New Mexico; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the regulation and licensing
4 department be asked to prepare a report that includes any
5 statute or rule changes that would improve public safety
6 regarding elevators and escalators and present that report to
7 the appropriate interim legislative committee; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the regulation and licensing
9 department study the cost of and the utility or benefit to
10 building owners of a statewide inspection program focusing on
11 elevators and escalators; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
14 council, the governor and the superintendent of regulation and
15 licensing.

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