**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

**041 Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation**

**ELEVATOR AND TRAMWAY SAFETY PROGRAM**

**Chapter 513: Elevators**

**Summary:** This chapter establishes specific requirements for elevators in addition to those established in 32 MRS Chapter 133 and the national codes specified in Chapter 511.

**1. New Installations; Alterations**

A. Before an elevator is installed, the owner shall submit, or cause to be submitted, to the Chief Inspector:

(1) Detailed plans for approval; and

(2) The completed form provided by the Chief Inspector for approval of plans and specifications, which must be accompanied by the fee set forth in Chapter 10, Section 5(16) of the rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, entitled *Establishment of License Fees*.

B. Before any alteration of an elevator, the owner shall submit to the Chief Inspector:

(1) Detailed plans and/or specifications for approval; and

(2) The completed form provided by the Chief Inspector for approval of plans and specifications, which must be accompanied by the fee set forth in Chapter 10, Section 5(16) of the rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, entitled *Establishment of License Fees*.

Before beginning any installation or alteration, the owner shall comply with any request by the Chief Inspector for additional plans, specifications, or other information.

**2. Registration Numbers**

Registration numbers must be visible and must be legibly and permanently affixed in the following locations:

A. **Elevators.** On the crosshead of the elevator car, controller and disconnect.

B. **Escalators.** On the underside of the machine area access cover and controller or other location in the machine area.

C. **Manlifts.** On the machine area structure.

D. **Platform Lifts.** On the disconnect and tower.

**3.** **Standard Key for Firefighters’ Service Switches**

Each elevator installed in the state equipped with “Firefighters’ Service” and activated by a key operated switch or switches in the lobby, in the elevator car, or in both, must be installed with a key tumbler that accepts the designated standard key, the Yale 3502.

**4. Size Requirements for Stretchers**

A. **Size Requirements.** A passenger elevator, as defined by ASME A17.1, installed in Maine must comply with the requirements of 32 MRS § 15228. The elevator must accommodate the transportation of a person on an ambulance stretcher at least 76 inches long by 24 inches wide placed horizontally in the elevator car.

B. **Exclusions.** Vertical lifts, inclined lifts and escalators are excluded from the size requirements of 32 MRS § 15228 and this section of the Program’s rules.

**5. Temporary Use of Permanent Elevators**

An elevator being installed for permanent use may be used temporarily during the construction of the building to carry workers and materials if: the elevator has been inspected by the Chief Inspector; the Chief Inspector has certified temporary use of the elevator; and a licensed elevator mechanic operates the elevator at all times during its temporary use. An application for temporary use under this section must be submitted to the Chief Inspector on a form provided by the Chief Inspector and must be accompanied by the filing fee required by Chapter 10, Section 5(16) of the rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, entitled “Establishment of License Fees.” The Chief Inspector may issue a certificate in accordance with this section for a period not to exceed 60 days.

**6. Vertical Platform Lifts – Disconnecting Means**

The disconnecting means for vertical platform lifts shall be at the lowest landing outside the runway.

*(Note: In 2013, statutory changes restructured the licensing and regulation of elevators and tramways by eliminating the Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety and creating the Elevator and Tramway Safety Program, administered by the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.)*

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