

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §15228, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Existing construction; requirements.** Notwithstanding section 15206, a  
4 building described in subsection 2 must have at least one passenger elevator that is  
5 accessible from all levels within the building and that is of sufficient size to allow the  
6 transport of a person on an ambulance stretcher in the fully supine position, without  
7 having to raise, lower or bend the stretcher in any way. This subsection applies to all  
8 passenger elevators inspected and certified pursuant to section 15221 on or after January  
9 1, 2018. The board shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
10 subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as  
11 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

12 **Sec. 2. Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety; report.** The Department of  
13 Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety shall  
14 establish a plan for the inspection and certification of all passenger elevators required to  
15 meet the elevator size requirements described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32,  
16 section 15228, subsection 1-A and identify any legislative or regulatory changes that may  
17 be necessary. On or before February 1, 2014, the Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety  
18 shall submit a report, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing  
19 Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. The Joint  
20 Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development may  
21 submit a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires that, beginning January 1, 2018, all existing multistory buildings  
24 that house private entities or nonprofit organizations that serve the public or are places of  
25 public accommodation, subject to specific exceptions, have at least one passenger  
26 elevator that is accessible from all levels within the building and that is of sufficient size  
27 to allow the transport of a person on an ambulance stretcher in the fully supine position,  
28 without having to raise, lower or bend the stretcher in any way. The bill also requires the  
29 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Elevator and Tramway  
30 Safety to establish a plan for the inspection and certification of all passenger elevators in  
31 existing buildings required to meet the elevator size requirements and identify any  
32 legislative or regulatory changes that may be necessary and report to the Joint Standing  
33 Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. It also allows  
34 the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic  
35 Development to submit a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the  
36 126th Legislature.