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1 AN ACT Relating to elevator mechanic licenses; and amending RCW
2 70.87.240.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.87.240 and 2004 c 66 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Any person, firm, public agency, or company wishing to engage
7 in the business of performing conveyance work within the state must
8 apply for an elevator contractor license with the department on a form
9 provided by the department and be a registered general or specialty
10 contractor under chapter 18.27 RCW.

11 (2) Except as provided by RCW 70.87.270, any person wishing to
12 perform conveyance work within the state must apply for an elevator
13 mechanic license with the department on a form provided by the
14 department.

15 (3) An elevator contractor license may not be granted to any person
16 or firm who does not possess the following qualifications:

17 (a) Five years' experience performing conveyance work, as verified
18 by current and previous elevator contractors licensed to do business;
19 or

1 (b) Satisfactory completion of a written examination administered
2 by the department on this chapter and the rules adopted under this
3 chapter.

4 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, RCW
5 70.87.305, and 70.87.245, an elevator mechanic license may not be
6 granted to any person who does not possess the following
7 qualifications:

8 (a) Satisfactory completion of a written examination administered
9 by the department on this chapter and the rules adopted under this
10 chapter; and

11 (b) An acceptable combination of documented experience and
12 education credits:

13 (i) Not less than three years' experience performing conveyance
14 work, as verified by current and previous employers licensed to do
15 business in this state or public agency employers; ~~((and))~~ or

16 ~~((b) Satisfactory completion of a written examination administered~~
17 ~~by the department on this chapter and the rules adopted under this~~
18 ~~chapter))~~

19 (ii) Not less than three years' experience performing conveyance
20 work, as verified by current and previous employers licensed to do
21 business in the location where the work was performed or public agency
22 employers, at least one year of which must be conveyance work performed
23 within the state of Washington. In evaluating an application that is
24 based in part on work performed outside the state of Washington, the
25 department shall determine whether the work performed outside the state
26 of Washington was performed in a state having standards substantially
27 equal to this chapter and shall consult with its counterpart agency in
28 the state where the work was performed to determine whether the
29 applicant's employer, or its successor in interest, is an entity in
30 good standing under the laws of the state where the work was performed.
31 The department may consider the employer's reputation, its compliance
32 with the laws of the state, whether it has outstanding violations of
33 state or federal law, and whether those violations are related to the
34 work performed by the applicant. The department may deny an
35 application based on work performed outside the state if the employer's
36 past performance is unsatisfactory or cannot be determined, or if the
37 employee's past work history cannot be verified.

1 (5) Any person who furnishes the department with acceptable proof
2 that he or she has performed conveyance work in the category for which
3 a license is sought shall upon making application for a license and
4 paying the license fee receive a license without an examination. The
5 person must have:

6 (a) Worked without direct and immediate supervision for a general
7 or specialty contractor registered under chapter 18.27 RCW and engaged
8 in the business of performing conveyance work in this state. This
9 employment may not be less than each and all of the three years
10 immediately before March 1, 2004. The person must apply within ninety
11 days after the effective date of rules adopted under this chapter
12 establishing licensing requirements;

13 (b) Worked without direct and immediate supervision for an owner
14 exempt from licensing requirements under RCW 70.87.270 or a public
15 agency as an individual responsible for maintenance of conveyances
16 owned by the owner exempt from licensing requirements under RCW
17 70.87.270 or the public agency. This employment may not be less than
18 each and all of the three years immediately before March 1, 2004. The
19 person must apply within ninety days after the effective date of rules
20 adopted under this chapter establishing licensing requirements;

21 (c) Obtained a certificate of completion and successfully passed
22 the mechanic examination of a nationally recognized training program
23 for the elevator industry such as the national elevator industry
24 educational program or its equivalent; or

25 (d) Obtained a certificate of completion of an apprenticeship
26 program for an elevator mechanic, having standards substantially equal
27 to those of this chapter, and registered with the Washington state
28 apprenticeship and training council.

29 (6) A license must be issued to an individual holding a valid
30 license from a state having entered into a reciprocal agreement with
31 the department and having standards substantially equal to those of
32 this chapter, upon application and without examination.

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