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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REGARDING
ACTING BUILDING OFFICIALS, CERTAIN PARKING SPACES AND
ELEVATOR CERTIFICATES OF OPERATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-260 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2025*):

4 (a) The chief executive officer of any town, city or borough, unless
5 other means are already provided, shall appoint an officer to administer
6 the code for a term of four years and until his successor qualifies and
7 quadrennially thereafter shall so appoint a successor. Such officer shall
8 be known as the building official. Two or more communities may
9 combine in the appointment of a building official for the purpose of
10 enforcing the provisions of the code in the same manner. The chief
11 executive officer of any town, city or borough, upon the death,
12 disability, dismissal, retirement, [or] revocation of licensure or an
13 extended absence of thirty days or more of the building official, may
14 appoint a licensed building official as the acting building official for a
15 single period not to exceed one hundred eighty days.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of section 14-253a of the general statutes is
 17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
 18 *1, 2025*):

19 (h) (1) Parking spaces designated for persons who are blind and
 20 persons with disabilities on or after October 1, 1979, and prior to October
 21 1, 2004, shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway
 22 and shall be fifteen feet wide including three feet of cross hatch, or
 23 parallel to a sidewalk on a public highway. ~~[On]~~ Except as provided in
 24 subdivision (2) of this subsection, on and after October 1, 2017, parking
 25 spaces for (A) passenger motor vehicles designated for persons who are
 26 blind and persons with disabilities shall be as near as possible to a
 27 building entrance or walkway and shall be fifteen feet wide including
 28 five feet of cross hatch or parallel to a sidewalk on a public highway,
 29 and [On and after October 1, 2017, parking spaces for] (B) passenger
 30 vans designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities
 31 shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall
 32 be sixteen feet wide including eight feet of cross hatch or parallel to a
 33 sidewalk on a public highway. Such spaces shall be designated by above
 34 grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall
 35 bear the words "handicapped parking permit required" and "violators
 36 will be fined". Such signs shall also bear the international symbol of
 37 access. Whenever such a sign is replaced, repaired or erected it shall bear
 38 the words "reserved parking permit required" and "violators will be
 39 fined", bear the symbol of access and indicate the minimum fine for a
 40 violation of subsection (f) of this section. Such indicator may be in the
 41 form of a notice affixed to such a sign.

42 (2) The provisions regarding the total width and width of cross hatch
 43 for parking spaces specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision
 44 (1) of this subsection shall not apply in the event the State Building Code
 45 imposes greater width requirements for such parking spaces in order to
 46 accommodate the presence of electric vehicle charging stations, as
 47 defined in section 16-19f.

48 Sec. 3. Section 29-196 of the general statutes is repealed and the
49 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

50 As soon as the department approves any new, relocated or altered
51 elevator or escalator as being fit for operation, [it] the department shall
52 issue to the owner a certificate of operation for a capacity and speed
53 specified in the inspector's report. The fee for the certificate first issued
54 shall be two hundred fifty dollars. Such certificate shall be posted
55 conspicuously in the car or cage or on the platform of the elevator or
56 escalator and shall be valid for twelve months. Thereafter, the certificate
57 shall be renewed every two years upon receipt of the renewal fee of two
58 hundred forty dollars, [except that elevators] provided the elevator or
59 escalator was deemed to be fit for operation pursuant to the most recent
60 inspection of such elevator or escalator and is not the subject of any
61 outstanding violation of applicable law. Elevators located in private
62 residences shall not be subject to said renewal requirement. No fee shall
63 be required of the state or any agency of the state. No elevator or
64 escalator may be lawfully operated without such certificate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	29-260(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-253a(h)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-196

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Department of Administrative Services regarding (1) the appointment of acting building officials, (2) width and cross hatch requirements for parking spaces designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities, and (3) the renewal of elevator certificates of operation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]