

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to the determination of a verifiable shortage of licensed mechanics by the commissioner of labor for purposes of the issuance of a temporary elevator mechanic license, continuing education requirements for elevator mechanic's and accessibility lift technician's licensees, and authorizing the commissioner of labor to impose civil penalties for the employment or use of unlicensed mechanics; to repeal certain provisions of such law related to the inspection of elevators and conveyances; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the labor law relating to clarifying key provisions around elevator licensing on examinations and experience, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7944-A and A. 8032-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 4 of section 954 of the labor
2 law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the labor law
3 relating to clarifying key provisions around elevator licensing on exam-
4 inations and experience, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.
5 7944-A and A. 8032-A, is amended to read as follows:

6 (d) in the event an elevator contractor encounters a verifiable short-
7 age of licensed mechanics, an elevator contractor may request that the
8 [~~department~~] commissioner issue a temporary elevator mechanic license to
9 an elevator apprentice who can provide documentation demonstrating that
10 such apprentice is currently enrolled in an elevator apprenticeship
11 program and has a minimum of four thousand hours of elevator industry
12 experience. A verifiable shortage can be [~~declared~~] determined by [~~a~~
13 ~~majority vote of the board, and may be extended at each subsequent meet-~~
14 ~~ing of the board~~] the commissioner in consultation with the board. Each
15 temporary elevator mechanic license shall be valid for [~~forty-five~~]
16 ninety days so long as such temporary elevator mechanic is employed by
17 the licensed elevator contractor that requested the temporary elevator
18 mechanic license and shall be renewable so long as the verifiable short-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 age of license holders exists. Fees shall be determined by the [~~board~~]
2 commissioner.

3 § 2. Subdivision 5 of section 954 of the labor law, as amended by a
4 chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the labor law relating to clarify-
5 ing key provisions around elevator licensing on examinations and experi-
6 ence, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7944-A and A. 8032-A,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 5. Continuing education. The renewal of all licenses granted under the
9 provisions of subdivision four of this section shall be conditioned upon
10 acceptable proof of completion of a course designed to ensure the
11 continuing education of licensees on new and existing national, state,
12 and local conveyances codes and standards and on technology and techni-
13 cal education and workplace safety, provided the applicant was notified
14 of the availability of such courses when the license was previously
15 granted or renewed. Such course shall consist of not less than eight
16 contact hours (.8 CEU) annually and completed preceding any such license
17 renewal. The board shall be empowered to make recommendations to the
18 commissioner on nationally recognized continuing education and training
19 programs. The [~~board~~] commissioner shall establish requirements for
20 continuing education and training programs which shall be reviewed by
21 the board annually, and shall approve such programs and providers, as
22 well as maintain a list of approved programs which shall be made avail-
23 able to license applicants, permit applicants, renewal applicants and
24 other interested parties upon request. The [~~board~~] commissioner may
25 promulgate rules and regulations setting forth the criteria for approval
26 of such programs, the procedures to be followed in applying for such
27 approval, and other rules and regulations as the commissioner deems
28 necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes of this section.

29 § 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 955 of the labor law,
30 as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the labor law
31 relating to clarifying key provisions around elevator licensing on exam-
32 inations and experience, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.
33 7944-A and A. 8032-A, is amended to read as follows:

34 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, if the
35 commissioner finds, after notice and hearing, that an individual has
36 violated any provision of this article, such commissioner may impose a
37 civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars for each such
38 violation. [~~In cases where a contractor employed or relied on unlicensed~~
39 ~~mechanics, the commissioner shall impose civil penalties on the contrac-~~
40 ~~tor or other party responsible for each person found to be working with-~~
41 ~~out a license by such contractor or party.] The commissioner may impose
42 civil penalties on a contractor or any party that employs or otherwise
43 utilizes unlicensed mechanics. Upon a second or subsequent violation
44 within three years of the determination of a prior violation, the
45 commissioner may impose a civil penalty not to exceed twenty thousand
46 dollars per violation. The commissioner shall submit a quarterly report
47 to the board on violations found pursuant to this subdivision.~~

48 § 4. Section 958 of the labor law, as added by a chapter of the laws
49 of 2025 amending the labor law relating to clarifying key provisions
50 around elevator licensing on examinations and experience, as proposed in
51 legislative bills numbers S. 7944-A and A. 8032-A, is REPEALED.

52 § 5. Section 4 of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the labor law
53 relating to clarifying key provisions around elevator licensing on exam-
54 inations and experience, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.
55 7944-A and A. 8032-A, is amended to read as follows:

1 § 4. This act shall take effect [~~immediately~~] on the one hundred
2 eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

3 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
4 sections one, two, three and four of this act shall take effect on the
5 same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amend-
6 ing the labor law relating to clarifying key provisions around elevator
7 licensing on examinations and experience, as proposed in legislative
8 bills numbers S. 7944-A and A. 8032-A, takes effect.