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:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 4 of section 954 of the labor law, as amended by 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, is amended to read as follows:

(d) in the event an elevator contractor encounters a verifiable shortage of licensed mechanics, an elevator contractor may request that the [~~department~~] **commissioner** issue a temporary elevator mechanic license to an elevator apprentice who can provide documentation demonstrating that such apprentice is currently enrolled in an elevator apprenticeship program and has a minimum of four thousand hours of elevator industry experience. A verifiable shortage can be [~~declared~~] **determined** by [~~a majority vote of the board, and may be extended at each subsequent meeting of the board~~] **the commissioner in consultation with the board**. Each temporary elevator mechanic license shall be valid for [~~forty-five~~] **ninety** days so long as such temporary elevator mechanic is employed by the licensed elevator contractor that requested the temporary elevator 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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age of license holders exists. Fees shall be determined by the [~~board~~] commissioner.

§ 2. Subdivision 5 of section 954 of the labor law, as amended by 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, is amended to read as follows:

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

§ 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 955 of the labor law, as amended by 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, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, if the commissioner finds, after notice and hearing, that an individual has violated any provision of this article, such commissioner may impose a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars for each such violation. [~~In cases where a contractor employed or relied on unlicensed mechanics, the commissioner shall impose civil penalties on the contractor or other party responsible for each person found to be working without a license by such contractor or party.~~] The commissioner may impose civil penalties on a contractor or any party that employs or otherwise utilizes unlicensed mechanics. Upon a second or subsequent violation within three years of the determination of a prior violation, the commissioner may impose a civil penalty not to exceed twenty thousand dollars per violation. The commissioner shall submit a quarterly report to the board on violations found pursuant to this subdivision.

§ 4. Section 958 of the labor law, as added by 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, is REPEALED.

§ 5. Section 4 of 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, is amended to read as follows:

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

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that sections one, two, three and four of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as 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, takes effect.