
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELEVATOR MECHANICS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 448H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§448H- Examination. Every applicant for a license
5 shall:

6 (1) Be at least eighteen years of age;

7 (2) Pass the licensing examination with an examination
8 score of not less than seventy per cent; and

9 (3) Not be allowed to review the applicant's answers to an
10 examination that the applicant failed to pass.

11 §448H- License renewals. (a) Licenses shall expire on
12 June 30 of each even-numbered year. Licensees seeking renewal
13 shall pay all applicable fees and pass the competency
14 requirements under subsection (b).

15 (b) Prior to each license renewal, a licensed elevator
16 mechanic shall furnish the board with proof of completion of:



1 (1) An educational course related to the construction,
2 installation, wrecking, dismantling, demolition,
3 modernization, repair, and maintenance of elevators
4 and other similar conveyances; or

5 (2) A qualified elevator inspector continuing education
6 course offered by an American National Standards
7 Institute accredited certifying organization;
8 provided that course work or proof of attendance thereof shall
9 total not less than ten hours per license renewal cycle.

10 §448H- Elevator mechanics; scope of work. All
11 construction, reconstruction, wrecking, dismantling, demolition
12 when an elevator is to be replaced in the same hoistway,
13 alteration, maintenance, or repair of any conveyance shall be
14 performed by an elevator mechanic who is licensed by the board."

15 SECTION 2. Section 448H-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended as follows:

17 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
18 and to read:

19 "Conveyance" means any elevator, dumbwaiter, stage lift,
20 mechanized parking garage elevator, escalator, moving walk or
21 ramp, or lift."



1 2. By amending the definition of "elevator mechanic" to
2 read:

3 "~~Elevator mechanic~~" means any person who [~~engages in the~~
4 ~~construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance,~~
5 ~~mechanical, or electrical work or adjustments of any elevator,~~
6 ~~dumbwaiter, stage lift, mechanized parking garage elevator,~~
7 ~~escalator, moving walk or ramp, lift including any construction,~~
8 ~~reconstruction, alteration, or adjustment of the structure or~~
9 ~~facility of which the same may be a part or to which the same~~
10 ~~may be attached, necessary for proper completion of the work on~~
11 ~~the elevator, dumbwaiter, stage lift, mechanized parking garage~~
12 ~~elevator, escalator, moving walk or ramp, or lift.] possesses an
13 elevator mechanics license issued by the board and is engaged in
14 erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing,
15 repairing, or maintaining conveyances covered by this chapter."~~

16 SECTION 3. Section 448H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "~~[§] 448H-2 [§]~~ **License required.** No person shall operate
19 or practice as an elevator mechanic in the State unless the
20 person is licensed under this chapter."



1 SECTION 4. Section 448H-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§448H-4 Meetings. The board shall meet not less than
4 [~~twice~~] four times a year at a time and place as determined by
5 the board. The board shall also meet [~~but not~~] no later than
6 thirty days prior to the licensing examination pursuant to
7 section 448H-5(2) in order to evaluate applications [~~therefor~~]
8 for licensure. Any board member who misses two consecutive
9 meetings of the board or fifty per cent of the meetings in a
10 year shall be removed from the board."

11 SECTION 5. Section 448H-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "§448H-5 Powers and duties of the board. In addition to
14 any other powers and duties authorized by law, the board shall:

- 15 (1) Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91 to carry out
16 the purposes of this chapter;
- 17 (2) Develop, apply, review and upgrade appropriate
18 techniques, including examinations and investigations
19 for determining whether a person meets the
20 requirements of this chapter and standards to insure



- 1 that elevator mechanics will be persons qualified to
2 serve as such;
- 3 (3) Prescribe, at a minimum, that a nationally recognized
4 examination, augmented with locally developed
5 material, be used in testing for licensure [~~the~~
6 ~~passing grade for the examination to be not less than~~
7 ~~seventy per cent~~];
- 8 (4) Issue licenses to persons determined, after
9 application of those techniques, to have met the
10 required qualifications and revoke or suspend
11 licenses, previously issued by the board pursuant to
12 hearings held in accordance with chapter 91, in any
13 case where the individual holding any license is
14 determined substantially to have failed to conform to
15 the required qualifications, this chapter, or the
16 rules of the board;
- 17 (5) Establish and carry out procedures designed to insure
18 that persons licensed as elevator mechanics will,
19 during any period they serve as such, comply with the
20 requirements of this chapter, the rules of the board,
21 and chapter 397 and rules adopted thereunder;



1 (6) Receive, investigate, and take appropriate action with
2 respect to, any charge or complaint filed with the
3 board to the effect that any individual licensed as an
4 elevator mechanic has failed to comply with the
5 requirements of this chapter regarding any complaint
6 regarding job performance by mechanics, the rules of
7 the board, or chapter 397 and the rules adopted
8 thereunder;

9 ~~[(7) Register apprentice elevator mechanics;~~

10 ~~+(8)]~~ (7) Maintain a record of its proceedings;

11 ~~[(9)]~~ (8) Assist and advise the department of labor and
12 industrial relations in the adoption of rules relating
13 to the conditions of work for elevator mechanics
14 including requirements related to equipment or
15 facilities essential for the safe installation,
16 repair, maintenance, or alteration of any elevator,
17 dumbwaiter, escalator, moving walk or ramp, and lift;
18 and

19 ~~[(10)]~~ (9) Notify the department of labor and industrial
20 relations of any fact or situation that, in the



1 opinion of the board, constitutes a violation of
2 chapter 397 or of any rule adopted thereunder."

3 SECTION 6. Section 448H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§448H-6 **Qualifications for license.** No person shall be
6 licensed as an elevator mechanic unless the person has
7 satisfactorily passed the examination administered by the board
8 and [~~satisfactorily completed at least four years of training~~
9 ~~under the supervision of a licensed elevator mechanic.~~] has met
10 the following minimum qualifications:

11 (1) Obtained a certificate of completion and successfully
12 passed the mechanic examination of a nationally
13 recognized training program for the elevator industry
14 such as the National Elevator Industry Educational
15 Program; and

16 (2) Satisfactorily completed not less than four and one
17 half years of full-time or equivalent elevator
18 mechanic training; provided that not less than nine
19 thousand hours of training were received under the
20 supervision of a licensed elevator mechanic."



1 SECTION 7. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Elevator Mechanics; Licensing; Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

Description:

Clarifies the scope of work for elevator mechanics. Amends the licensing requirements for elevator mechanics, and the powers and duties of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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