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Dear Building Owners and Managers,

Early in 2013 the State of Mississippi passed legislation that requires an inspection by a QEI, Qualified Elevator/Escalator Inspector, of all elevators and escalators in the State of Mississippi before January 1, 2015 and then once a year after that. The Inspector will furnish a copy of the report to the building management and will submit a copy to the State of Mississippi. After the inspection report is submitted to the State and deficiencies are corrected, the State will issue an Annual certificate for that particular elevator or escalator. (Elevators in private residences and some Industrial facilities are exempt from this requirement.)

The question has been asked if the Elevator Maintenance Company can inspect the elevators and submit the report to the State to get the Certificate of Operation? The answer is no. Having your elevator maintenance provider also do the inspection would be a direct conflict of interest. The only inspectors allowed to perform the State required inspections are Elevator Inspectors licensed by the State of Mississippi. A person cannot hold both a Mechanic's license and an Inspectors license. It's an either/or situation.

The law, House Bill 817, became effective July 1 of 2013. The fee structure is listed in the Rules and Regulations which can be found on our website www.mid.ms.gov. Click on the Mississippi Conveyance Safety icon on the right side of the screen. There you will find a copy of the Law, Rules and Regulations, and all the necessary forms to comply.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please give me a call. My phone number is (601) 359-9497.

Thank you very much for taking a moment for this explanation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Brewer".

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