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### Summary of Guidelines for the Elevator Safety Law HB 817

I've had a lot of questions concerning licenses and inspections. The items below are issues that have come up that need to be clarified. As always, please don't hesitate to call

1. All elevator companies must purchase a Mississippi Elevator Company License or a **Limited** Elevator Company License
2. All Elevator Mechanics must purchase a Mississippi Elevator Mechanic's License or a **Limited** Mechanic's license.
3. Helpers must work under direct supervision and do not have to have a license
4. After July 1, 2014, no more mechanics will be "Grandfathered in" with work experience and training courses completed as the only criteria.
5. After July 1, 2014 to obtain a Mississippi Elevator Mechanic License, the applicant will have to first have completed the training for and received either a Certified Elevator Technicians (CET) card or an IUEC mechanic's card. These are the only testing and certification requirements that the Mississippi Elevator Safety Division will recognize to issue a Mississippi Elevator Mechanic's License.
6. Elevator Mechanics grandfathered in without a CET or a Mechanics License will be required to enroll in one of these programs.
7. Courses required to obtain either of these certification will be recognized as meeting the continuing education requirements until the certification is received. After that, the standard safety courses and technical classes will be accepted.
8. All Inspectors must have a QEI certification to obtain a Mississippi Elevator Inspection License. There is no grandfathering in of Inspectors.
9. The QEI continuing education classes will be acceptable for the continuing education requirements for the Inspectors.
10. Any elevator/escalator project contracted before July 1, 2013 and completed before July 1, 2014 does not have to be permitted. **BUT** all projects must have a full acceptance inspection before it can be put in service.
11. The only way to register an elevator or escalator is to have it inspected by a licensed Inspector who will submit the inspection forms to the State.
12. All required testing required for the acceptance test must be witnessed by the inspector.
13. During the annual periodic inspection, testing is not required to be witnessed but will be verified by checking the Code required tags on the various pieces of equipment and by checking the required logs kept in the machine rooms. If there are no tags, the Inspector will have to assume the tests were not performed.
14. There are fines listed in the rules and regulations for not getting the elevator or escalator inspected, working without proper permits and licenses, and other violations. These are detailed in the rules and regulations.
15. There will be extensions of time to perform some costly repairs and upgrades required by the Ansi elevator codes, to lessen the burden of this work. These extensions of time will be detailed on another bulletin that will be published later.

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