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## 010.05-001 Statement of Organization and Operations

The Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Boards and Commissions is an agency of state government ~~created by Act 161 of 1937, Ark. Code Ann. § 11-2-101 et seq. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1106.~~ The Elevator Safety Board was created by ~~Act 189 of 1963, Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code~~ § 20-24-105, and given regulatory authority over the construction, alteration, repair, maintenance, operation, and inspection of elevators, escalators, moving sidewalks, dumbwaiters, and wheelchair lifts, and the power to oversee the licensure of elevator inspectors, elevator mechanics, and elevator contractors. The Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Boards and Commissions is charged with enforcement of the state's laws regarding elevator safety, as well as the ~~regulations rules~~ promulgated by the Elevator Safety Board, ~~Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code~~ § 20-24-104. Ultimate authority for the operation of the agency is in the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing. For administrative purposes, the ~~Director~~ Secretary has created the Elevator Safety ~~Division~~ Section which is responsible for administering and enforcing state law and the ~~regulations rules~~ of the Elevator Safety Board. The individual charged with the day-to-day operations of the Elevator Safety ~~Division~~ Section is referred to as Chief Elevator Inspector, who is selected by the ~~Director~~ Secretary ~~and is directly supervised by the Code Enforcement Administrator~~. From time to time, the board promulgates rules.

## 010.05-002 Information for Public Guidance

The mailing address and telephone number for the Elevator Safety ~~Division~~ Section is:

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The Department of Labor and Licensing makes available a list of persons holding certain responsibilities for handling FOIA Arkansas Freedom of Information Act requests, licensing questions, and complaints against licensees so that the public may obtain information about the agency or make submissions or requests. The names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and electronic addresses can be obtained from the ~~agency~~ section's office or website.

The ~~agency~~ section has a list of official forms used by the ~~agency~~ section and a list of all formal, written statements of policy and written interpretative memoranda, and orders, decisions and opinions resulting from adjudications, which may be obtained from the ~~agency's~~ section's office or website. The Department of Labor and Licensing website is: ~~http://www.labor.arkansas.gov~~ Home Page - Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing. The Elevator Safety ~~Division's~~ Section's website is: ~~http://www.labor.arkansas.gov/elevator-inspection-and-permits~~ Elevator Inspection and Permits - Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing:

Copies of all forms used by the agency section, written statements of policy and written interpretive memoranda, and all orders issued by the agency Elevator Safety Board may be obtained from the agency's section's office.

#### **010.05-003 General Organization**

- A. The Elevator Safety ~~Division~~ Section is generally divided into an office staff and a field staff. The field staff is composed of Elevator Inspectors.
- B. The Elevator Safety Board consists of ~~five (5)~~ six (6) members, one (1) of whom is the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing, who serves as Chair~~man~~. A quorum for the transaction of business is a majority of the members.
- C. All public meetings, including meetings of the Elevator Safety Board will be conducted pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order and in conformity with the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act. Regular meetings will be held every other month. Special meetings may be held on the call of the Chair~~man~~.
- D. The board ~~or the agency~~ may create standing and ad hoc committees. The Chair~~man~~ will select members of committees. A quorum for the transaction of committee business is a majority of the number of voting members of the committee.
- E. The Chief Elevator Inspector will prepare the agenda for regular and special meetings. The agenda will be distributed to board members and agency staff and made available to the public in advance of the meeting. The agenda should state with specificity the items that will be considered at a meeting, hearing, or workshop. The agenda should include the following topics as applicable:

1. The call to order;
2. Review of minutes;
3. Old business;
4. New business;
5. Other business;
6. Adjudicatory hearings;
7. Rule-making hearings; and
8. Public comment.

The order of the agenda items is intended to be flexible and may be adjusted to meet the needs of the agencyboard. Additionally, the agenda may be amended by appropriate motion.

#### **010.05-004 Purpose and Scope**

##### **A. Purpose**

1. The purpose of these ~~regulations~~ rules is to establish:

- a. minimum safety standards for the maintenance, inspection, tests, and operation of all elevators and escalators and other conveyances;
- b. minimum safety standards for the construction of new elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators and other conveyances;
- c. minimum safety standards for the alteration of existing elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators and other conveyances;
- d. minimum safety standards for existing elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters and other conveyances;
- e. rules prescribing fees;
- f. rules for the application and granting of variances and exceptions;
- g. minimum standards for licensing and qualifying elevator inspectors, elevator contractors, and elevator mechanics; and
- h. rules for the effective administration and enforcement of the Elevator Safety Law, ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.*

2. These ~~regulations~~ rules are intended to protect the general public, invitees, guests, employees, and all persons who could be reasonably expected to use an elevator, escalator, dumbwaiter or other conveyance.

## **B. Scope and Application**

1. These ~~regulations~~ rules apply to all elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters and other conveyances in the State of Arkansas, except as specifically exempted herein.

2. These ~~regulations~~ rules do not apply to:
- a. a conveyor, chain or bucket hoist, construction hoist or similar devices used for the primary purpose of elevating or lowering materials and is not used for elevating or lowering workers or other riders, including those workers loading and unloading;
  - b. tiering, piling, feeding, or similar machines or devices giving service within only one (1) story.

3. Conveyances installed in private single-family dwellings are exempt from the testing and inspection requirements of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-112 and the permitting requirements of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code §§ 20-24-115 and -116.

## **010.05-005 Definitions**

As used in these ~~regulations~~ rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

A. **"Alteration"** means any change made to an existing elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator or other conveyance; or to its hoistway, enclosure, or doors other than the repair or replacement of damaged, worn, or broken parts necessary for normal operation. The changing of the speed governor shall be considered an alteration;

B. **"Authorized representative"** means the building department of cities, towns, or other governmental subdivisions designated by the Department of Labor to enforce certain provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 20-24-101 *et seq.*;

C. **"Board"** means the Arkansas Elevator Safety Board;

D. **"Conveyance"** means an elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator, moving sidewalk, automatic people mover, platform lift or stairway chair lift;

E. **"Director"** means the Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Labor;

F. **"Department"** means the Department of Labor and Licensing;

G. **"Dormant elevator, dumbwaiter, or escalator"** means an elevator or dumbwaiter whose cables have been removed, whose car and counterweight rest at the bottom of the shaftway, and whose shaftway doors are permanently boarded up or barricaded on the inside or an escalator whose main power feed lines have been disconnected;

H. **"Dumbwaiter"** means a hoisting and lowering mechanism, driven by mechanical power, equipped with a car which moves in guides in a substantially vertical direction, the floor area of which does not exceed nine (9) square feet, whose total compartment height does not exceed four feet (4'), the capacity of which does not exceed five hundred pounds (500 lbs.), and which is used exclusively for carrying freight;

I. **"Elevator"** means a hoisting and lowering mechanism equipped with a car or platform which moves in guides in a substantially vertical direction;

1. The term "elevator" shall not include a, conveyor chain bucket hoist, construction hoist, or similar devices used for the primary purpose of elevating or lowering materials, nor shall it include tiering, piling, feeding, or similar machines or devices giving service within only one (1) story;

2. The term "power elevator" shall mean those driven by the application of energy other than hand or gravity;

3. "Hand elevators" shall mean those driven by manual power;

4. The term "elevator" shall include vertical wheelchair lifts, inclined wheelchair lifts, and inclined stairway chairlifts installed in any location, including a private, single-family dwelling for use by individuals with physical disabilities;



**J. "Escalator"** means a power-driven, inclined, continuous stairway or runway used for raising or lowering passengers;

**K. "Freight elevator"** means an elevator used for carrying freight and on which only the operator and the persons necessary for loading and unloading are permitted to ride; and

**L. "Passenger elevator"** means an elevator that is used to carry persons other than the operator and persons necessary for loading and unloading.

## **010.05-006 Rule-Making**

### **A. Authority**

The board has been authorized by the Legislature to promulgate rules. ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20- 24-106(b). The board follows the procedural requirements of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, in particular ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 25-15-203 and § 25-15-204. Additionally, the ~~agency is board and the department are~~ required to abide by the provisions of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code §10-3-309.

### **B. Initiation of Rule-Making**

The process of adopting a new rule or amending or repealing an existing rule (hereinafter referred to "rule-making") may be initiated by request of the board that the staff submit proposed drafts. Additionally, staff of the ~~agency~~ department may request permission of to initiate rule- making. Third persons outside the ~~agency~~ department may petition for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of any rule.

### **C. Petition to Initiate Rule-Making**

Third parties may initiate rule-making to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule by filing a petition with the ~~agency~~ department to initiate rule-making. The petition must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific rule or action requested, the reasons for the rule or action requested, and facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the ~~agency~~ Elevator Safety Section or has a substantial interest in the rule or action requested.

The petition to initiate rule-making shall be filed with the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing.

Within thirty (30) days after submission of the petition, the board will either deny the petition, stating its reasons in writing, or will initiate rule-making. A special meeting will be called if necessary to meet this time frame.

### **D. Filing with Legislative Council**

Thirty (30) days before the public-comment period ends, the agency will file with the Legislative Council the text of the proposed rule or amendment as well as a financial impact

statement and any additional information as may be required by the Legislative Council as provided by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 10-3-309.

#### **E. Public Input**

1. Before finalizing language of a proposed new rule or an amendment to, or repeal of, an existing rule, the board will receive public input through written comments and/or oral submissions. The ~~agency~~ department will designate in its public notice the format and timing of public comment.

2. Any public hearing will provide affected persons and other members of the public a reasonable opportunity for presentation of evidence, arguments, and oral statements within reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the agency to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings.

3. The Director of the Division of Labor or his designee may preside at the public hearing. The ~~agency~~ department must ensure that the ~~agency~~ personnel responsible for preparing the proposed rule or amendment are available and will notify third parties initiating rule changes to be available to explain the proposal and to respond to questions or comments regarding the proposed rule.

4. The ~~agency~~ department will preserve the comments made at the public hearing by a ~~tape~~ recording.

5. Any person may submit written statements within the specified period of time. All timely, written statements will be considered by the board and be made a part of the rule-making record.

#### **F. Notice of Rule-Making**

The ~~agency~~ Department of Labor and Licensing will give notice of proposed rule-making to be published pursuant to ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 25-15-204. The notice will set any written comment period and will specify the time, date, and place of any public hearing.

#### **G. The Decision to Adopt a Rule**

1. The board will not finalize language of the rule or decide whether to adopt a rule until the period for public comment has expired and the proposed rule has been reviewed and approved by the Legislative Council or other legislative committee pursuant to ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 10-3-309.

2. Before acting on a proposed rule, the board will consider all of the written submissions and/or oral submissions received in the rule-making proceeding or any memorandum summarizing such oral submissions, and any regulatory analysis or fiscal impact statement issued in the rule-making proceedings.

3. The board may use its own experience, specialized knowledge, and judgment in the adoption of a rule or consider the experience, specialized knowledge and judgment of ~~agency~~ department staff.

## **H. Variance Between Adopted Rule and Published Notice of Proposed Rule**

1. The board may not adopt a rule that differs from the rule proposed in the published notice of the intended rule-making on which the rule is based unless:

a. The final rule is in character with the original scheme and was a logical outgrowth of the notice and comments stemming from the proposed rule, or

b. The notice fairly apprised interested persons of the subject and the issues that would be considered so that those persons had an opportunity to comment.

2. In determining whether the final rule is in character with the original scheme and was a logical outgrowth of the notice and comments, and that the notice of intended rule-making provided fair warning that the outcome of that rule-making proceeding could be the rule in question; the board must consider the following factors:

a. The extent to which persons who will be affected by the rule should have understood that the rule-making proceeding on which it is based could affect their interests; and

b. The extent to which the subject matter of the rule or issues determined by the rule are different from the subject matter or issues contained in the notice of intended rule-making; and

c. The extent to which the effects of the rule differ from the effects of the proposed rule contained in the notice of intended rule-making.

## **I. Concise Statement of Reasons**

1. When requested by an interested person, either prior to the adoption of a rule or within thirty (30) days after its adoption, the ~~agency~~ department shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against the adoption of the rule. Requests for such a statement must be in writing and be delivered to the Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Labor. The request should indicate whether the statement is sought for all or only a specified part of a rule. A request will be considered to have been submitted on the date on which it is received by the ~~agency~~ department.

2. The concise statement of reasons must contain:

a. The board's reasons for adopting the rule;

b. An indication of any change between the text of the proposed rule and the text of the rule as finally adopted, with explanations for any such change; and

c. The principal reasons urged in the rule-making procedure for and against the rule, and the board's reasons for overruling the arguments made against the rule.

## **J. Contents**

The ~~agency~~ department shall cause the board's rules to be published and made available to interested persons. The publication must include:

1. The text of the rule; and
2. A note containing the following:
  - a. The date(s) the board adopted or amended the rule;
  - b. The effective date(s) of the rule;
  - c. Any findings required by any provisions of law as a prerequisite to adoption for effectiveness of the rule; and
  - d. Citation to the entire specific statutory or other authority authorizing the adoption of the rule;
3. The publication of the rule(s) must state the date of publication.

## **K. Format**

The published rules of the board will be organized substantially in the following format:

1. Statement of Organization and Operations
2. Information for Public Guidance
3. General Organization
4. Purpose and Scope
5. Definitions
6. Rule-making
7. Emergency Rule-making
8. Declaratory Orders
9. Adjudicative Hearings
10. Licensing
11. ~~Et seq.~~ Substantive rules and other rules of Agency

## **L. Incorporation by Reference**

By reference in a rule, the board may incorporate all or any part of a code, standard, rule, or other matter if the board finds that copying the matter in the board's rule would be unduly cumbersome, expensive, or otherwise inexpedient. The reference in the rule must fully and precisely identify the incorporated matter by title, citation, date, and edition, if any; briefly

indicate the precise subject and general contents of the incorporated matter; and state that the rule does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter. The board may incorporate such a matter by reference in a proposed or adopted rule only if the ~~agency~~ department makes copies of the incorporated matter readily available to the public. The rules must state how and where copies of the incorporated matter may be obtained at cost from the ~~agency~~ department, and how and where copies may be obtained from an agency of the United States, this state, another state, or the organization, association, or persons originally issuing that matter. The ~~agency~~ department must retain permanently a copy of any materials incorporated by reference in a rule of the board.

## **M. Filing**

1. After the board formally adopts a new rule or amends a current rule or repeals an existing rule, and after the rule change has been reviewed and approved by the Legislative Council, the ~~agency~~ department staff will file final copies of the rule with the Secretary of State, the Arkansas State Library, and the Legislative Council, or as otherwise provided by ~~Ark. Code~~ ~~Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 25-15-204.

2. Proof of filing a copy of the rule, amendment, or repeal with the Secretary of State, the Arkansas State Library, and the Legislative Council will be kept in a file maintained by the ~~Legal Division of the Arkansas Department of Labor~~ department.

3. Notice of the rule change will be posted on the ~~agency~~ department website.

## **010.05-007 Emergency Rule-Making**

### **A. Request for Emergency Rule-Making**

The proponent of a rule may request the board to adopt an emergency rule. In addition to the text of the proposed rule or amendment to an existing rule and any other information required by Rule 010.05-006(C), the proponent will provide a written statement setting out the facts or circumstances that would support a finding of imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare.

### **B. Finding of an Emergency**

Upon receipt of the written statement requesting an emergency rule-making and documents or other evidence submitted in support of the assertion that an emergency exists, the board will make an independent judgment as to whether the circumstances and facts constitute an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requiring adoption of the rule upon fewer than 30 days notice. If the board determines that the circumstances warrant emergency rule-making, it will make a written determination that sets out the reasons for its finding that an emergency exists. Upon making this finding, the board may proceed to adopt the rule without any prior notice or hearing, or it may determine to provide an abbreviated notice and hearing.

### **C. Effective Date of Emergency Rule**

1. The board shall not finalize an emergency rule or file an emergency rule with the Secretary of State for adoption until the emergency rule has been approved under ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 10-3-309.

2. The emergency rule will be effective immediately upon filing, or at a stated time less than ten (10) days thereafter, if the agency board finds that this effective date is necessary because of imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare. The agency department will file with the rule the board's written findings justifying the determination that emergency rule-making is appropriate and, if applicable, the basis for the effective date of the emergency rule being less than ten (10) days after the filing of the rule pursuant to ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 25-15-204(e). The agency department will take appropriate measures to make emergency rules known to persons who may be affected by them.

### **010.05-008 Declaratory Orders**

#### **A. Purpose and Use of Declaratory Orders**

A declaratory order is a means of resolving a controversy or answering questions or doubts concerning the applicability of statutory provisions, rules, or orders over which the agency board has authority. A petition for declaratory order may be used only to resolve questions or doubts as to how the statutes, rules, or orders may apply to the petitioner's particular circumstances. A declaratory order is not the appropriate means for determining the conduct of another person or for obtaining a policy statement of general applicability from an agency. A petition or declaratory order must describe the potential impact of statutes, rules, or orders upon the petitioner's interests.

#### **B. The Petition**

The process to obtain a declaratory order is begun by filing with the Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Labor a petition that provides the following information:

1. The caption shall read: Petition for Declaratory Order Before Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing, Elevator Safety Board.
2. The name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number of the petitioner.
3. The name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number of the attorney of the petitioner.
4. The statutory provision(s), board rule(s), or agency or board order(s) on which the declaratory order is sought.

5. A description of how the statutes, rules, or orders may substantially affect the petitioner and the petitioner's particular set of circumstances, and the question or issue on which petitioner seeks a declaratory order.

6. The signature of the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.

7. The date.

8. Request for a hearing, if desired.

### **C. Agency Board Disposition**

1. The agency board may hold a hearing to consider a petition for declaratory statement. If a hearing is held, it shall be conducted in accordance with ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code §§ 25-15-208 and 25-15- 213, and the agency's board's rules for adjudicatory hearings.

2. The agency board may rely on the statements of fact set out in the petition without taking any position with regard to the validity of the facts. Within ninety (90) days of the filing of the petition, the agency board will render a final order denying the petition or issuing a declaratory order.

## **010.05-009 Adjudicative Hearings**

### **A. Scope of This Rule**

This Rule, 010.005-009, applies in all administrative adjudications conducted by the Board of Elevator Safety or the Elevator Safety ~~Division~~Section of the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing. This procedure is developed to provide a process by which the board or agency section formulates orders (for example, an order revoking a license to practice, or imposing civil penalties).

### **B. Presiding Officer**

The Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Labor, who is designated by the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing as Chairman chair of the board, shall preside at a hearing before the board or may designate one or more members of the board or one or more examiners, referees, or hearing officers to preside at a hearing. The Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Labor shall designate one or more examiners, referees, or hearing officers to preside at a hearing before the ~~Department of Labor~~ Elevator Safety Section.

### **C. Appearances**

1. Any party appearing has the right, at his or her own expense, to be represented by counsel.

2. The respondent may appear on his or her own behalf.

3. Any attorney representing a party to an adjudicatory proceeding must file notice of appearance as soon as possible.

4. Service on counsel of record is the equivalent of service on the party represented.

5. On written motion served on the party represented and all other parties of record, the presiding officer may grant counsel of record leave to withdraw for good cause shown.

#### **D. Consolidation**

If there are separate matters that involve similar issues of law or fact, or identical parties, the matters may be consolidated if it appears that consolidation would promote the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of the proceedings, and would not unduly prejudice the rights of a party.

#### **E. Notice to Interested Parties**

If it appears that the determination of the rights of parties in a proceeding will necessarily involve a determination of the substantial interests of persons who are not parties, the presiding officer may enter an order requiring that an absent person be notified of the proceeding and be given an opportunity to be joined as a party of record.

#### **F. Service of Papers**

Unless the presiding officer otherwise orders, every pleading and every other paper filed for the proceeding, except applications for witness subpoenas and the subpoenas, shall be served on each party or the party's representative at the last address of record.

#### **G. Initiation and Notice of Hearing**

1. An administrative adjudication is initiated by the issuance by the agency of a notice of hearing.

2. The notice of hearing will be sent to the respondent by U.S. mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to the named recipient or his agent, as well as by regular U. S. mail. Notice shall be sufficient when it is so mailed to the respondent's latest address on file with the agency.

3. Notice will be mailed at least twenty (20) days before the scheduled hearing.

4. The notice will include:

a. a statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing;



b. a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held; and

c. a short and plain statement of the matters of fact and law asserted.

## **H. Motions**

All requests for relief will be by motion. Motions must be in writing or made on the record during a hearing. A motion must fully state the action requested and the grounds relied upon. The original written motion will be filed with the agency section. When time allows, the other parties may, within seven (7) days of the service of the written motion, file a response in opposition. The presiding officer may conduct such proceedings and enter such orders as are deemed necessary to address issues raised by the motion. However, a presiding officer, other than the Director of the Division of Labor, will not enter a dispositive order unless expressly authorized in writing to do so.

## **I. Answer**

A respondent may file an answer.

## **J. Discovery**

1. Upon written request, the agency Elevator Safety Section will provide the information designated in ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 25-15-208(a)(3).

2. Such requests should be received by the ~~agency section~~ at least ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing.

## **K. Continuances**

1. The presiding officer may grant a continuance of hearing for good cause shown. Requests for continuances will be made in writing. The request must state the grounds to be considered and be made as soon as practicable and, except in cases of emergencies, no later than five (5) days prior to the date noticed for the hearing. In determining whether to grant a continuance, the presiding officer may consider:

- a. Prior continuances;
- b. The interests of all parties;
- c. The likelihood of informal settlements;
- d. The existence of an emergency;
- e. Any objection;
- f. Any applicable time requirement;

- g. The existence of a conflict of the schedules of counsel, parties, or witnesses;
  - h. The time limits of the request; and
  - i. Other relevant factors.
- 2. The presiding officer may require documentation of any grounds for continuance.

#### **L. Hearing Procedures**

- 1. The presiding officer presides at the hearing and may rule on motions, require briefs, and issue such orders as will ensure the orderly conduct of the proceedings; provided, however, any presiding officer other than the Director of the Division of Labor shall not enter a dispositive order or proposed decision unless expressly authorized in writing to do so.
- 2. All objections must be made in a timely manner and stated on the record.
- 3. Parties have the right to participate or to be represented by counsel in all hearings or pre-hearing conferences related to their case.
- 4. Subject to terms and conditions prescribed by the Administrative Procedure Act, parties have the right to introduce evidence on issues of material fact, cross-examine witnesses as necessary for a full and true disclosure of the facts, present evidence in rebuttal, and, upon request by the agency department, may submit briefs and engage in oral argument.
- 5. The presiding officer is charged with maintaining the decorum of the hearing and may refuse to admit, or may expel, anyone whose conduct is disorderly.

#### **M. Order of Proceedings**

The presiding officer will conduct the hearing in the following manner:

- 1. The presiding officer will give an opening statement, briefly describing the nature of the proceedings.
- 2. The parties are to be given the opportunity to present opening statements.
- 3. The parties will be allowed to present their cases in the sequence determined by the presiding officer.
- 4. Each witness must be sworn or affirmed by the presiding officer, or the court reporter, and be subject to examination and cross-examination as well as questioning by the board and the agency representative of the Elevator Safety Section. The presiding officer may limit questioning in a manner consistent with the law.

5. When all parties and witnesses have been heard, parties may be given the opportunity to present final arguments.

## **N. Evidence**

1. The presiding officer shall rule on the admissibility of evidence and may, when appropriate, take official notice of facts in accordance with all applicable requirements of law.

2. Stipulation of facts is encouraged. The agency board may make a decision based on stipulated facts.

3. Evidence in the proceeding must be confined to the issues set forth in the hearing notice, unless the parties waive their right to such notice or the presiding officer determines that good cause justifies expansion of the issues. If the presiding officer decides to admit evidence outside the scope of the notice, over the objection of a party who did not have actual notice of those issues, that party, upon timely request, will receive a continuance sufficient to prepare for the additional issue and to permit amendment of pleadings.

4. A party seeking admission of an exhibit must provide seven (7) copies of each exhibit at a hearing before the Elevator Safety Board and three (3) copies of any exhibit in a hearing before the Elevator Safety Division Section. The presiding officer must provide the opposing parties with an opportunity to examine the exhibit prior to the ruling on its admissibility. All exhibits admitted into evidence must be appropriately marked and be made part of the record.

5. Any party may object to specific evidence or may request limits on the scope of the examination or cross-examination. A brief statement of the grounds upon which it is based shall accompany such an objection. The objection, the ruling on the objection, and the reasons for the ruling will be noted in the record. The presiding officer may rule on the objection at the time it is made or may reserve the ruling until the written decision.

6. Whenever evidence is ruled inadmissible, the party offering that evidence may submit an offer of proof on the record. The party making the offer of proof for excluded oral testimony will briefly summarize the testimony or, with permission of the presiding officer, present the testimony. If the excluded evidence consists of a document or exhibit, it shall be marked as part of an offer of proof and inserted in the record.

7. Irrelevant, immaterial, and unduly repetitive evidence will be excluded. Any other oral or documentary evidence, not privileged, may be received if it is of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent men and women in the conduct of their affairs.

8. Reasonable inferences. The finder of fact may base its findings of fact upon reasonable inferences derived from other evidence received.

## **O. Default**

If a party fails to appear or participate in an administrative adjudication after proper service of notice, the ~~agency or~~ board or the Elevator Safety Section may proceed with the hearing and render a decision in the absence of the party.

## **P. Subpoenas**

1. At the request of any party, the Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Labor shall issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses at the hearing. The requesting party shall specify whether the witness is also requested to bring documents and reasonably identify said documents.

2. A subpoena may be served by any person specified by law to serve process or by any person who is not a party and who is eighteen (18) years of age or older. Delivering a copy to the person named in the subpoena shall make service. Proof of service may be made by affidavit of the person making service. The party seeking the subpoena shall have the burden of obtaining service of the process and shall be charged with the responsibility of tendering appropriate mileage fees and witness fees pursuant to Rule 45, Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure. The witness must be served at least two days prior to the hearing. For good cause, the agency may authorize the subpoena to be served less than two days before the hearing.

3. Any motion to quash or limit the subpoena shall be filed with the ~~agency~~ Elevator Safety Section and shall state the grounds relied upon.

## **Q. Recording the Proceedings**

The responsibility to record the testimony heard at a hearing is borne by the ~~agency~~ Elevator Safety Section. Upon the filing of a petition for judicial review, the ~~agency~~ section will provide a transcript of testimony taken before the board. If the board is successful upon appeal, the ~~agency~~ section may request that the court assess the costs against the opposing party.

## **R. Factors to be Considered in Imposing Sanctions or Fines**

In addition to any other considerations permitted by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code §§ 20-24-101 *et seq.*, if applicable, the ~~agency~~ board in imposing any sanction or fine may consider the following:

1. The nature and degree of the misconduct for which the sanction is being sought.
2. The seriousness and circumstances surrounding this misconduct.
3. The loss or damage to clients or others.
4. The assurance of future compliance.

5. The profit to the wrongdoer.
6. The avoidance of repetition.
7. Whether the conduct was deliberate, intentional, or negligent.
8. The deterrent effect on others.
9. The conduct of the individual during the course of the disciplinary proceeding.
10. Any prior enforcement or disciplinary actions or sanctions, including warnings.
11. Matters offered in mitigation or extenuation, except that a claim of disability or impairment resulting from the use of alcohol or drugs may not be considered unless the individual demonstrates that he or she is successfully pursuing in good faith a program of recovery.

## **S. Final Order**

The ~~agency~~ department will serve on the respondent a written order that reflects the action taken by the board. The order will include a recitation of facts found based on testimony and other evidence presented and reasonable inferences derived from the evidence pertinent to the issues of the case. It will also state conclusions of law and directives or other disposition entered against or in favor of the respondent.

The order will be served personally or by mail on the respondent. If counsel represents respondent, service of the order on respondent's counsel shall be deemed service on the respondent.

## **010.05-010 Licensing**

### **A. General**

1. All action of the Elevator Safety Board or the Elevator Safety ~~Division~~ Section regarding licensure shall be governed by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code §§ 20-24-101 *et seq.* and these Rules and, when applicable, ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code §§ 25-15-208 to - 213.

2. The Elevator Safety Board is responsible for licensure of elevator inspectors, ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-108(a); elevator mechanics, ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-108(b); and elevator contractors, ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-108(c).

## **B. Requirement to Keep Current Addresses on File**

All persons holding a license issued by the agency are required to provide the agency section with information so that the agency board can remain in contact and provide notice of complaints and/or hearings. The licensee ~~holder~~ is required to provide written notice to the board of any change in business and/or residence address within 10 working days of the change. Service of notices of hearing sent by mail will be addressed to latest address on file with the agency board.

## **C. Review of Application**

The application and supporting documentation will be reviewed by staff of the Elevator Safety Division Section. The division section will inform the applicant in writing if it determines that the application is incomplete, and will specify why the application is incomplete. When a completed application, a supplemental application, or the requested information is returned, the division section will reinstate action on the application for license. If all requirements are met, the applicant will be licensed.

## **D. Denial of License**

1. If a preliminary determination is made that the application should be denied, the division section will inform the applicant of the opportunity for a hearing on the application.

2. The grounds or basis for the proposed denial of a license will be set forth in writing by the agency section. The applicant may appeal the agency's section's determination to the Elevator Safety Board by making a written request to the Board board for a hearing within thirty (30) days of the notice of denial. Any hearing on the denial of a license will be conducted in accordance with ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code §§ 25-15-208 and -213, and unless otherwise provided by law, the applicant has the burden of establishing entitlement to the license.

## **E. Suspension, Revocation, Annulment or Withdrawal**

1. Prior to the entry of a final order to suspend, revoke, annul, or withdraw a license, or to impose other sanctions upon a licensee, the division section will serve the licensee a notice of hearing in the manner set out in ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 25-15-208 and Rule 010.05-009 herein.

2. The agency section has the burden of proving the alleged facts and violations of law stated in the notice.

## **F. Emergency Action**

1. If the board finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and incorporates that finding in its order, the board can summarily suspend, limit, or restrict a license. The notice requirement in Rule 010.05-009(G) does not

apply and must not be construed to prevent a hearing at the earliest time practicable.

2. Emergency Order:

An emergency adjudicative order must contain written findings that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require emergency action to be taken by the board. The written order must include notification of the date on which board proceedings are scheduled for completion.

Written Notice. The written emergency adjudicative order will be immediately delivered to persons who are required to comply with the order. One or more of the following procedures will be used:

- a. Personal delivery;
- b. Certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last address on file with the agency board;
- c. First class mail to the last address on file with the agency board;
- d. Fax. Fax may be used as the sole method of delivery if the person required to comply with the order has filed a written request that agency section orders be sent by fax and has provided a fax number for that purpose.
- e. Oral notice. Unless the written emergency order is served by personal delivery on the same day that the order issues, the agency section shall make reasonable immediate efforts to contact by telephone the persons who are required to comply with the order.

3. Unless otherwise provided by law, within ten (10) days after emergency action taken pursuant to paragraph (F)(1) of this Rule, the division section must initiate a formal suspension or revocation proceeding.

**G. Voluntary Surrender of License**

The licensee, in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings, may offer to surrender his or her license, subject to the board's determination to accept the proffered surrender, rather than conducting a formal disciplinary proceeding.

**H. Duty of a Sanctioned Licensee**

In every case in which a license is revoked, suspended, or surrendered, the licensee shall, within thirty (30) days of the revocation, suspension, or surrender, do the following:

1. Return his or her license and any license pocket cards to the division's section's office;

2. Notify all of his or her clients and employer in writing that his or her license has been revoked, suspended, or surrendered;
3. Notify all clients and employer to make arrangements for other services, calling attention to any urgency in seeking the substitution of another licensee;
4. Deliver to all clients or employer any papers or property to which they are entitled, or notify the client or employer of a suitable time and place where the papers and other property may be obtained, calling attention to any urgency for obtaining the papers or other property;
5. Refund any part of the fees paid in advance that have not been earned;
6. Keep and maintain a record of the steps taken to accomplish the foregoing;
7. File with the ~~division~~ section a list of all other state, federal, and administrative jurisdictions by which he or she is licensed. Upon such filing, the agency will notify those entitled of the revocation, suspension, or surrender; and
8. The licensee shall, within thirty (30) days of revocation, suspension, or surrender of the license, file an affidavit with the ~~agency~~ section that he or she has fully complied with the provisions of the order and completely performed the foregoing or provide a full explanation of the reasons for his or her non-compliance. Such affidavit shall also set forth the address where communications may thereafter be directed to the respondent.

## **I. Reinstatement After Suspension**

1. An order suspending a license may provide that a person desiring reinstatement may file with the Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Labor a verified petition requesting reinstatement.
2. The petition for reinstatement must set out the following:
  - a. That the individual has fully and promptly complied with the requirements of Rule 010.05-010(H) of these rules pertaining to the duty of a sanctioned professional;
  - b. That the individual has refrained from practicing in this occupation or business during the period of suspension;
  - c. That the individual's license fee is current or has been tendered to the ~~agency~~ section; and
  - d. That the individual has fully complied with any requirements imposed as conditions for reinstatement.
3. Any knowing misstatement of fact may constitute grounds for denial or



revocation of reinstatement.

4. Failure to comply with the provisions of sections (H)(7) and (H)(8) of this Rule precludes consideration for reinstatement.

5. No individual will be reinstated unless the board approves reinstatement by majority vote.

## **J. Re-Licensure for Revoked or Surrendered License**

1. No individual who has had his or her license revoked or who has surrendered his or her license will be licensed, except on petition made to the board. The application for re-licensure is not allowed until at least two (2) years after the revocation or surrender of license took effect.

2. The applicant bears the burden of proof that he is rehabilitated following the revocation or surrender of his license, that he can engage in the conduct authorized by the license without undue risk to the public health, safety, and welfare, and that he is otherwise qualified for the license pursuant to ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.*

3. The board may impose any appropriate conditions or limitations on a license to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

4. The board may require that the person seeking re-licensure take the licensing examination.

## **K. Inspectors**

1. Qualifications. An applicant for an elevator inspector's license shall complete an application approved by the board and shall have:

a. at least four (4) years verified experience in designing, installing, maintaining, or inspecting conveyances;

b. successfully passed the written examination for elevator inspectors administered by an accredited ASME testing facility and evidenced by certification of the applicant as a Qualified Elevator Inspector. This is commonly referred to as being QEI certified;

c. no financial interest in any business or operation which manufactures, installs, repairs, modifies or services conveyances and have submitted a financial disclosure statement on a form approved by the ~~division-section~~. This qualification does not prohibit employees of insurance companies insuring conveyances in Arkansas from obtaining a license as an elevator inspector;

d. submitted proof of insurance by an insurance company authorized to do business in Arkansas of general liability coverage for at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000)

for injury or death of a person and five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for property damage; and

e. tendered a license fee in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

2. License Renewal. An application for renewal shall be submitted no later than January 31 of each calendar year, regardless of the date of issue or renewal and shall be submitted with:

- a. a license fee in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00);
- b. proof of insurance as required by this Rule, 010.05-010(K)(1);
- c. an annual financial disclosure statement on a form approved by the division; and
- d. proof of completion of eight (8) contact hours or continuing education hours every two (2) years in a course of training or instruction approved by the board as required by Rule 010.05-010(Q).

3. Elevator inspectors in the employ of the Department of Labor and Licensing are exempt from payment of licensing fees and fees for renewal of license.

#### **L. Elevator Contractors**

1. Qualifications. An applicant for an elevator contractor's license shall complete an application approved by the board and shall have:

- a. a permanent office located in the State of Arkansas with an individual designated by the contractor to receive notices on behalf of the contractor or be currently registered with the Secretary of State with a designated agent for service of process who is also authorized to receive notices on behalf of the contractor;
  - b. submitted verification of employment of a licensed elevator mechanic;
  - c. submitted proof of insurance by an insurance company authorized to do business in Arkansas of general liability coverage for at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for injury or death of a person and five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for property damage; and
- tendered a license fee in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

2. License Renewal. An application for renewal shall be submitted no later than January 31 of each calendar year, regardless of the date of issue or renewal and shall be submitted with:

- a. a license fee in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250); and
- b. proof of insurance as required by this Rule, 010.05-010(L)(1).

## **M. Elevator Mechanics**

1. Qualifications. An applicant for an elevator mechanic's license shall complete an application approved by the board and shall have:

- a. at least three (3) years verified work experience in constructing, maintaining, servicing, or repairing conveyances;
- b. successfully passed a written examination approved for elevator mechanics by the board; and
- c. tendered a license fee in the amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75) annually.

2. Restricted License. A restricted class of elevator mechanic's license shall be known as an "Accessibility Technician". Such class of license shall be restricted to performing work involving vertical platform lifts, wheelchairs lifts, and inclined stairway chairlifts, including those for private residences, which are covered by the provisions of ASME A18.1 2005. An applicant for such a restricted license shall complete an application approved by the board and shall have:

- a. at least three (3) years verified work experience in constructing, maintaining, servicing, or repairing those conveyances covered by ASME A18.1 2005;
- b. tendered a license fee in the amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75) annually.

3. License Renewal. An application for renewal shall be submitted no later than January 31 of the year of expiration, regardless off the date of issue or renewal and shall be submitted with:

- a. a license fee in the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for two years; and

b. proof of completion of eight (8) contact hours or continuing education hours every two (2) years in a course of training or instruction approved by the board as required by Rule 010.05-010(Q).

4. Emergency Licensing and Temporary Licensing.

a. Whenever an emergency exists or there is a strike or lock-out and the board determines that there are not enough licensed elevator mechanics to perform the work necessary to provide for the safety of life, limb, and property and to protect the public welfare, the board may waive the examination requirements of these Rules and the provisions or ~~Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code~~ § 20-24-108, and issue an emergency elevator mechanic's license that may be valid for no longer than thirty (30) days.

~~b. Whenever the department board determines that there are not enough licensed elevator mechanics available to perform work necessary for the completion of a project for which the division has issued an installation permit has been issued pursuant to Rule 010.05-011 or 010.05-012 and Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code § 20-25-115(d) §20-24-115(d), the department board may waive the requirements of these Rules and the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code § 20-24-108, and issue a temporary elevator mechanics license that may be valid for no longer than thirty (30) days. The denial of such a temporary license may be appealed to the board.~~

c. The board may renew an emergency or temporary license if the circumstances justifying its original issuance continue.

d. The fee for an emergency or temporary license shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) annually for a license valid in only thirty (30) day increments.

**N. License Renewal and Reinstatement, Generally**

1. A license for an elevator mechanic or an elevator inspector may be renewed within six (6) months after the date of expiration by paying the renewal fee ~~and a late fee of twenty dollars (\$20), provided the licensee is otherwise qualified for renewal. If a license is not renewed within six (6) months after the date of expiration, the licensee shall be required to take a new examination. An applicant for renewal or reinstatement shall not be required to take an examination if the applicant meets the requirements for reciprocity pursuant to Rule 010.05-010(Q); as follows, provided the licensee is otherwise qualified for renewal:~~

a. Elevator Inspector License: \$120.00

b. Elevator Mechanic License: \$95.00 for one year or \$170.00 for two years.

2. A license will not be issued or renewed if there is an unpaid fine or fee due the agency. Further, failure to pay any fine or fee may result in license suspension or revocation.

### 3. Reinstatement

a. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, an individual may seek reinstatement under this subsection, Rule 010.05-010(N)(3), provided the applicant for reinstatement demonstrates that he or she:

- i was previously licensed by the board at any time;
- ii. was licensed in good standing at the time of licensing;
- iii did not have his or her license revoked for: an act of bad faith or a violation of law, rule or ethics.
- iv. is not holding a suspended or probationary license in a sister state;
- and
- v. passes a licensing examination if the applicant's license has been expired for more than six (6) months.

b. Continuing education requirements apply to a reinstated licensee in the same manner as other licensees.

c. An applicant for reinstatement shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Rule 010.05-010(N)(3) if the applicant meets the requirements for reciprocity pursuant to Rule 010.05-010(O).

d. The ~~Department of Labor's Code Enforcement Manager~~ Elevator Safety Section shall review and decide on any application for reinstatement in order to expedite the process. The decision of the ~~Code Enforcement Manager section~~ is subject to review by the board upon written request by the applicant.

### O. Reciprocity

1. The board may license a person as an elevator inspector, elevator mechanic, or elevator contractor without examination if he or she holds an equivalent license for a state or city that has ~~a standard of examination substantially equal~~ similar requirements to that provided for in these Rules and Ark. Code Ann. § 20-24-108 and the person has not had a license revoked for an act of bad faith or a violation of law, rules or ethics.

#### 2. Provisional License:

a. The Board shall issue a temporary and provisional license immediately upon receipt of an application, the required fee, and the documentation required under section O of these rules.

b. The temporary and provisional license shall be effective until the Board

makes a decision on the application, unless the Board determines that the applicant does not meet the requirements in section O in which case the temporary and provisional license shall be immediately revoked.

c. An applicant may provide the rest of the documentation required above in order to receive a license, or the applicant may only provide the information necessary for the issuance of a temporary and provisional license.

#### **P. Verified Work Experience**

1. Work experience required for licensure shall be documented by notarized letters or affidavits from past or present employers, official letters or certifications from other government licensing authorities detailing the duration and character of the work, or equivalent evidence that verifies work experience. The name, address, and telephone number of anyone verifying work experience shall be provided on the verification document.

2. For purposes of determining experience qualification, the board shall not consider the following:

a. any experience obtained in violation of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~Arkansas Code § 20-24-108; or

b. any experience obtained in violation of any federal, state or local licensing or registration requirements.

#### **Q. Continuing Education**

1. Licensed inspectors and licensed elevator mechanics must complete eight (8) contact hours or continuing education hours every two calendar years beginning January, 2007. For any license renewed in January 2009 or thereafter, the An applicant for renewal must submit proof of having completed this requirement.

2. A certificate of completion provided to the course participant is sufficient for any course pre-approved by the Elevator Safety Board. If the course has not been approved by the ~~Board~~ board, the licensee will not be given credit unless or until the ~~Board~~ board has approved the course.

3. A course of training or education may be approved by the board by the submission of an Application for Continuing Education Approval; an overview of the course material; and a professional resume of the trainer.

4. A list of approved courses will be posted on the ~~agency's~~ Elevator Safety Board's website or made available upon request to the Elevator Safety ~~Division~~ Section.

#### **R. ~~Active-duty~~ Uniformed service members, ~~returning military~~ veterans, and spouses**

~~1. As used in this rule, “returning military veteran” means a former member of the United States Armed Forces who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable.~~

~~2. Temporary license~~

~~a. An individual who is the holder in good standing of a substantially equivalent license in another state, shall be issued a temporary license of the same class while completing the application process for full licensure, provided the individual is one of the following:~~

~~i. an active-duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;~~



~~ii. — a returning military veteran applying within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty; or~~

~~iii. — the spouse of a person under Rule 010.05(R)(2)(i) or (ii) above.~~

~~b. — A temporary license under this rule shall expire on its face in thirty (30) days, although it is subject to renewal until a final administrative decision on full licensure is made.~~

~~c. — If a full license is granted and the license fee paid, the license shall expire on January 31, regardless of the date of issue or renewal.~~

~~3. — The Department of Labor's Code Enforcement Manager shall review and decide on the application of any individual under Rule 010.05-010(R) in order to expedite the process. The decision of the Code Enforcement Manager is subject to review by the board upon written request by the applicant.~~

~~4. — When considering an application for full licensure of an active duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas or a returning military veteran applying within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty, the Code Enforcement Manager or board shall:~~

~~a. — consider whether or not the applicant's military training and experience is substantially similar to the experience required by Rule 010.05-010(K) through (M) for the class of license being sought; and~~

~~b. — accept the applicant's military training and experience in lieu of the experience required by Rule 010.05-010(K) through (M) if the Code Enforcement Manager or board, as applicable, determines the military training and experience is a satisfactory substitute.~~

~~5. — A license held by an active duty military service member deployed outside the State of Arkansas or his or her spouse shall not expire until one hundred eighty (180) days following the active duty military service member's or spouse's return from active deployment. The licensee must submit proof of deployment and deployment dates.~~

~~6. — Continuing education~~

~~a. — An active duty military service member deployed outside the State of Arkansas or his or her spouse shall have an additional one hundred eighty (180) days to obtain the eight (8) hours of continuing education required by Rule 010.05-010(Q), dating from:~~

~~i. — the two (2) years provided by 010.05-010(Q); or~~

~~ii. — the date of return to active duty, whichever is longer. For this option, the licensee must submit proof of deployment and deployment dates.~~

~~b. — A returning military veteran discharged from active duty or his or her~~

~~spouse shall have an additional one hundred eighty (180) days to obtain the eight (8) hours of continuing education required by 010.05-010(Q), dating from:~~

- ~~i. the two (2) years provided by Rule 010.05-010(Q); or~~
- ~~ii. the expiration of one (1) year from the date of discharge, whichever is longer. For this option, the licensee must submit proof of the discharge date.~~

1. As used in this subsection,
  - a. “automatic licensure” means the granting of occupational licensure without an individual’s having met occupational licensure requirements provided under the Arkansas Code or by these Rules.
  - b. “uniformed service veteran” means a former member of the United States Uniformed Services discharged under circumstances other than dishonorable.
2. The Board shall grant automatic licensure to an individual who is the holder in good standing of a license with a similar scope of practice issued by another state, territory, or district of the U.S. and is:
  - a. A uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
  - b. A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; or
  - c. The spouse of:
    - i. A person under Rule R.2.a. or b.
    - ii. A uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member’s spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; or
    - iii. A uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state.
3. The Board shall grant such automatic licensure upon receipt of all of the below:
  - a. Payment of the initial licensure fee;
  - b. Evidence that the individual holds a license with a similar scope of practice in another state; and
  - c. Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Rule R.2.a., b., or c.

4. The expiration date of a license for a deployed uniform service member or spouse will be extended for one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.
5. A full exemption from continuing education requirements will be allowed for a deployed uniform service member or spouse until one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.

## **S. Prohibitions and Requirements**

1. No elevator inspector shall inspect an elevator, escalator, or dumbwaiter if the inspector, or any member of his immediate family, has a financial interest in the building in which the elevator, escalator, or dumbwaiter is located, or in any business which occupies the building in which the elevator, escalator, or dumbwaiter is located.

2. No elevator inspector or any member of his immediate family shall have or maintain a financial interest in any business which manufactures, installs, alters, or services elevators, escalators, or dumbwaiters.

3. No elevator inspector shall recommend or refer one of his clients or customers to a specific business, firm, or corporation which manufactures, installs, repairs, alters, or services elevators, escalators, or dumbwaiters.

4. Financial Disclosure. On or before the last day of January of each year, all licensed elevator inspectors shall file with the department a financial disclosure statement on forms provided by the department and approved by the board. Such forms shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. the name and address of any corporation, firm, or enterprise in which the person has a direct financial interest of a value in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Policies of insurance issued to ~~himself~~ the inspector or his or her spouse are not to be considered a financial interest;

b. a list of every office or directorship held by himself or his spouse, in any corporation, firm, or enterprise subject to jurisdiction of the board;

c. a list showing the name and address of any person, corporation, firm, or enterprise from which the person received compensation in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) during the preceding year; and

d. a list showing the name and address of any person, corporation, firm, or enterprise from which the persons received compensation in excess of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) during the preceding year.

5. An elevator contractor shall perform all scheduled maintenance and required safety tests in a timely manner as notified by the Elevator Safety ~~Division~~ Section.

6. No elevator contractor shall employ helpers or apprentices not licensed as elevator mechanics to erect, construct, alter, replace, repair, maintain, remove, or dismantle any conveyance unless such helper or apprentice is working under the direct supervision of a licensed elevator mechanic, except in a ratio of 1 helper or apprentice to every one licensed elevator mechanic; or, in the event of a crew of 5 or more workers, a ratio of 3 helpers or apprentices to every two licensed elevator mechanics. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Rule, an industrial employer utilizing its own employees for repair or alteration work on industrial property owned or leased by the employer, may utilize a ratio of 4 helpers or apprentices to every one licensed elevator mechanic.

**T. Workforce Expansion Act Fee Waiver**

1. The board shall waive the initial licensing fee for any license if the applicant:
  - a. Is receiving assistance through the Arkansas Medicaid Program; the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program; or the Lifeline Assistance Program;
  - b. Was approved for unemployment within the last twelve (12) months; or
  - c. Has an income that does not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty income guidelines.

**U. Earn and Learn Act Apprenticeships**

1. The board shall grant a license to an applicant who:
  - a. Completes an apprenticeship as defined by Arkansas Code § 17-6-103 in an occupation licensed by this board;
  - b. Passes an examination with a score required for licensure, if deemed to be necessary by the board and required of all applicants;
  - c. Pays the appropriate licensing fee; and
  - d. Completes all other requirements unrelated to training and education.
2. Should the board deny an application this section, the board shall provide the applicant with a written denial detailing the reason for the denial including whether the board determined the applicant's apprenticeship program does not correspond to the level of license for which the applicant applied.
3. An apprenticeship for a profession or occupation licensed by the Elevator Safety Board is not required to exceed the number of hours required by the board for the profession or occupation, except as otherwise required by federal law.

## **010.05-011 New Construction and Installation**

### **A. Minimum Standards**

1. All new elevators, escalators, and dumbwaiters shall be constructed and installed in conformity with the standards in The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, ASME A17.1 - 2007. These standards are hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein.

2. The minimum standards for the construction and installation of vertical platform lifts, inclined wheelchair lifts, inclined stairway chairlifts and residential elevators shall be ASME A18.1 2005, which is hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein.

3. The minimum standards for the construction and demolition industry shall be ANSI/ASSE A10.4 - 2007, Safety Requirements for Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators, which is hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein.

4. This Rule does not include any later amendments or editions of the standards incorporated by reference.

5. Copies of these standards incorporated by reference can be viewed in the offices of the ~~division~~ Elevator Safety Section or can be obtained by contacting the following:

American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
~~22 Law Drive Two Park Avenue~~  
~~P. O. Box 2300 New York, NY 10016-5990~~  
~~Fairfield, NJ 07007-2300~~  
1-800-843-2763.  
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### **B. Installation Permit**

1. Prior to the installation or construction of any elevator, escalator, or dumbwaiter or other conveyance, an installation permit shall be obtained from the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section. The installation permit shall be posted at the job site in a conspicuous location near the location of the conveyance prior to work beginning on the installation.

2. Application for an installation permit shall be made on a form furnished by the ~~department~~ section and shall be submitted by the installing contractor. The application shall require the submission of detailed plans and specifications.

3. Upon receipt of an application for installation, the required plans and specifications, and the required fee for an installation permit, the ~~department~~ section shall review the application for compliance with the provisions of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.* and these regulations rules. The ~~department~~ section shall issue an installation permit or shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons the installation permit is denied.

4. Any applicant who has been denied an installation permit by the ~~department section~~ may appeal that denial to the Elevator Safety Board, provided a written request to appeal is received by the department within thirty (30) days of the notice of the denial.

### **C. Inspection and Testing**

1. Prior to the operation of any new conveyance or the issuance of the operating permit, such installation shall be inspected and tested in conformity with these ~~regulations rules~~ by a licensed elevator inspector in the employ of the department or its authorized representative.

2. An inspection report shall be filed with the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section by the inspector making the inspection within thirty (30) days after completion of the inspection. The inspection report shall be on a form furnished by the section and approved by the ~~department board~~. It shall indicate whether the conveyance was installed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the ~~department section~~ and meets the requirements of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.* and these ~~regulations rules~~.

### **D. Initial Operating Permit**

1. The owner or operator of a conveyance shall obtain an initial operating permit within seven (7) days after the required date for filing the inspection report required by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-113(a) and Rule 010.05-011(C)(2) herein.

2. No operating permit shall be issued until all required fees have been paid.

3. If the inspection report required by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-113 and Rule 010.05-011(C)(2) herein indicates that there is a failure to comply with the plans and specifications approved by the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section, Ark. Code Ann. § 20-24-101 *et seq.*, or these ~~regulations rules~~, the operating permit shall be denied. The ~~department section~~ shall notify the owner or operator in writing of the reasons for the denial of an operating permit.

4. Any owner or operator who has been denied an operating permit by the ~~department section~~ may appeal that denial to the Elevator Safety Board, provided a written request to appeal is received by the department within thirty (30) days of the notice of the denial.

### **E. Fees**

1. Installation permits.

a. The following fees shall be paid to the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section for installation permits:

Elevator	\$150.00
Escalator or moving	200.00
Dumbwaiter	100.00
Wheelchair lift	100.00
Workmen's hoist	200.00

2. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be paid for installation permits for all other types of conveyances.

3. A final inspection fee and the fee for the initial operating permit are included in the installation permit fee. If a scheduled final inspection is canceled without due notice to the ~~department~~ section or if the elevator is not complete in the judgment of the inspector, an additional fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be charged to the elevator contractor for an additional final inspection.

4. The fee for the operating permit is established by Rule 010.05-015(F).

## **010.05-012 Alterations**

### **A. Minimum Standards**

All alterations and major repairs to conveyances shall be made in conformity with the same standards as established by Rule 010.05-011(A).

### **B. Alteration Permit**

1. Prior to the alteration or major repair of any conveyance, an alteration permit shall be obtained from the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section.

2. Application for an alteration permit shall be made on a form furnished by the ~~department~~ section and shall be submitted by the installing contractor. The application shall require the submission of detailed plans and specifications.

3. Upon receipt of an application for alteration or major repair, the required plan and specifications, and the required fee for an alteration permit, the ~~department~~ section shall review the application for compliance with the provisions of ~~Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code~~ § 20-24-101 *et seq.* and these ~~regulations~~ rules. The ~~department~~ section shall issue an alteration permit or shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons the alteration permit is denied.

4. Any applicant who has been denied a permit for alteration or major repair by the ~~department~~ section may appeal that denial to the Elevator Safety Board provided written request to appeal is received by the department within thirty (30) days of the notice of the denial.

### **C. Inspection and Testing**

1. Prior to the operation of any conveyance which has undergone an alteration or major repair and prior to the issuance of a new operating permit pursuant to Rule 010.05-012(D), such conveyance shall be inspected and required safety tests witnessed by a licensed elevator inspector in the employ of the department or its authorized representative.

2. An inspection report shall be filed with the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section by the inspector making the inspection within thirty (30) days after completion of the inspection. The inspection report shall be on a form furnished and approved by the ~~department~~ section. It shall indicate whether the conveyance was altered or repaired in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the ~~department~~ section and meets the requirements of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.* and these ~~regulations~~ rules.

3. The ~~department~~ section shall mail a copy of the inspection report to the installing contractor and the owner.

#### **D. Operating Permit**

1. The owner or operator of a conveyance which has undergone an alteration or major repair shall obtain a new operating permit within seven (7) days after the required date for filing the inspection required by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-113(a) and Rule 010.05-012(C) herein.

2. No operating permit shall be issued until all the required fees have been paid.

3. If the inspection report required by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-113 and Rule 010.05-012(C) herein indicates that there is a failure to comply with the plans and specifications approved by the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section, ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.*, or these ~~regulations~~ rules, the operating permit shall be denied. The ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section shall notify the owner or operator in writing of the reasons for the denial of an operating permit.

4. Any owner or operator who has been denied an operating permit by the ~~department~~ section may appeal that denial to the Elevator Safety Board provided a written request to appeal is received by the department within thirty (30) days of the notice of the denial.

#### **E. Fees**

1. The fee for an alteration permit shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

2. A final inspection fee is included in the alteration permit fee. If a scheduled final inspection is canceled without due notice to the department or if the elevator is not complete in the judgment of the inspector, an additional fee one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be charged to the elevator contractor for an additional final inspection.



3. The fee for the operating permit is established by Rule 010.05-015(F) herein.

### **010.05-013 Existing Elevators**

#### **A. Minimum Standards**

1. All conveyances shall be maintained by the owner or lessee in a condition that conforms to the standards established by the board which were in effect on the date of installation or the provisions of ASME A17.3-2005, whichever are more stringent.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of ASME A17.3- 2005, the owner or operator of any elevator without Phase I and Phase II fire service shall have a period of five (5) years from the effective date of these ~~regulations~~ rules or until alteration to install Phase I and Phase II fire service, whichever occurs first.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of ASME A17.3- 2005, Part 4.3.3 applicable to hydraulic elevators, the owner or operator of any hydraulic elevator with a flat-bottom jack shall be required to replace or retrofit to comply with A17.3, Part 4.3.3, within five (5) years from the effective date of these ~~regulations~~ rules or alteration, whichever occurs first.
4. This Rule does not include any later amendments or editions of the standards incorporated by reference.
5. Copies of these standards incorporated by reference can be viewed in the offices of the ~~division~~ Elevator Safety Section or can be obtained by contacting the following:

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~~P. O. Box 2300 New York, NY 10016-5990~~  
~~Fairfield, NJ 07007-2300~~  
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#### **B. Operation**

1. Any conveyance which is out of operation or without an operating permit for twelve (12) months or more shall have a safety test or leak down test and a pressure test performed in the presence of a licensed elevator inspector in the employ of the department or its authorized representative before a new operating permit can be issued or before such can operate. Additionally, such conveyance shall conform to the standards established by Rule 010.05-011 or have a variance issued pursuant to Rule 010.05-016 before an operating permit can be issued or before it can operate.

### **010.05-014 Periodic Inspections and Testing**

## **A. Minimum Standards**

1. All inspections and testing required by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.* or these ~~regulations~~ rules shall be made in accordance with the standards established by these ~~regulations~~ rules and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Guide for Inspection of Elevators, Escalators and Moving Walks, ASME A17.2 -2001, which is hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

2. This Rule does not include any later amendments or editions of the standards incorporated by reference.

3. Copies of these standards incorporated by reference can be viewed in the offices of the ~~division~~ Elevator Safety Section or can be obtained by contacting the following:

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## **B. Periodic Inspections**

1. a. The owner or lessee of every power passenger elevator and escalator shall have it inspected periodically every ~~sixth (6th)~~ twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) calendar month following the month in which the initial inspection was made.

b. The owner or lessee of every power freight elevator and of every dumbwaiter and elevator driven by manual power shall have it inspected periodically every twelfth (12th) calendar month following the month in which the initial inspection was made.

2. Any inspection required by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-112(a)(3) or this Rule 010.05-014(B)(1):

a. may be made during the month following the calendar month during which such inspection is due; and

b. shall be made only by elevator inspectors licensed in accordance with the provisions of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-108 and 20-24-109 and Rule 010.05-010.

3. In addition to required inspections, the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section or its authorized representative may designate a licensed inspector in its employ to make such additional inspections as may be required to enforce the provisions of this chapter and these rules ~~and regulations~~.

## **C. Tests**

1. All tests shall be made in accordance with the applicable ASME Code as adopted herein.

2. Elevator inspectors shall not be required to perform any tests.

3. Tests required by these rules ~~and regulations~~ shall be made by a licensed elevator mechanic in the presence of a licensed elevator inspector in the employ of the department or its authorized representative.

#### **D. Inspection Reports**

1. A report of every required inspection shall be filed with the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section or its authorized representative by the inspector making the inspection, on a form approved by the department or its authorized representative, within thirty (30) days after the inspection or test has been completed.

2. In the event the inspection report required by this Rule 010.05-014(D)(1) and ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-113 is not filed within thirty (30) days after the final date when the conveyance should have been inspected, the ~~department~~ section shall designate a licensed inspector in its employ to make the inspection and report required.

#### **E. Fees**

1. For each inspection and report made at the direction of the department, the owner, lessee, or insurance company responsible for the report of inspection shall pay to the ~~department~~ section a fee of ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00). The fee shall be paid directly to the ~~department~~ section and shall be the only fee or charges for which such owner, lessee, or insurance company shall be liable for the inspection required by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-112(a).

~~2. For witnessing the performance of all safety tests required by Ark. Code Ann. § 20-24-101 et seq. or these regulations, the owner, lessee, or insurance company responsible for the test shall pay to the department a fee of seventy five dollars (\$75.00).~~

### **010.05-015 Operating Permit**

#### **A. Permit Required**

1. No conveyance shall operate unless the owner or lessee has obtained an operating permit from the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section. Operation of a conveyance without a valid operating permit shall be grounds for:

- a. an immediate order, or red-tag to discontinue use, and
- b. a fine pursuant to ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-103 and Rule 010.05-017.

2. An operating permit shall be issued for a period of one (1) year and the

expiration date shall appear on its face.

## **B. Display**

The permit shall be posted conspicuously in the car of the elevator or lift and on or near the dumbwaiter or escalator.

## **C. Permit Information**

1. The operating permit shall reflect on its face the following:
  - a. the state number, or AS number, assigned by the ~~department~~ section to that conveyance;
  - b. the type of equipment for which it is issued;
  - c. in the case of elevators, whether passenger or freight;
  - d. the owner or lessee to whom the permit is issued;
  - e. the location of the conveyance;
  - f. the contract load and rated speed; and
  - g. the expiration date.
2. In addition to other requirements, the operating permit for vertical wheelchair lifts, inclined wheelchair lifts, and inclined stairway chairlifts shall state the following:

LIMITED USE ONLY -  
NOT FOR GENERAL PUBLIC USE

## **D. Denial of an Operating Permit**

1. No operating permit shall be issued if the fees required by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-116 and Rule 010.05-015(F) herein have not been paid.
2. The ~~department~~ section may deny an operating permit for cause, which shall include the failure to comply with the provisions of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.*; these rules ~~and regulations~~; or the detailed plans and specifications approved by the ~~department~~ section at the time of installation. In determining whether there exists cause to deny an operating permit, the ~~department~~ section may rely on an inspection report filed by a licensed elevator inspector.

3. The ~~department~~ section shall notify the owner or lessee in writing of the reasons the operating permit is denied; the changes necessary for compliance; and their right to appeal to the Elevator Safety Board.

4. Any owner or lessee who has been denied an operating permit by the ~~department~~ section may appeal that denial to the Elevator Safety Board provided a written request to appeal is received by the ~~department~~ section within thirty (30) days of the notice of the denial.

5. The Elevator Safety Board may require, as a condition of maintaining ~~his/her~~ his or her license, the presence of any elevator inspector upon whose report the denial of an operating permit was based at any hearing on such denial.

#### **E. Revocation of an Operating Permit**

1. The ~~department~~ section may immediately revoke an operating permit if it determines there is a failure to comply with the provisions of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.*; these rules ~~and regulations~~; or the detailed plans and specifications approved by the ~~department~~ section at the time of installation and such elevator, escalator or dumbwaiter is in an unsafe condition, so that its continued operation may be dangerous to the public safety. In making such a determination the ~~department-section~~ may rely on an inspection report filed by a licensed elevator inspector.

2. In order to immediately revoke an operating permit, the ~~department~~ section shall place a red tag or warning notice on or in the conveyance notifying the owner or lessee and the public that its use has been ordered to be discontinued. Such warning shall read as follows:

#### WARNING ORDER

The Elevator Safety Section of the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing has determined that this elevator or conveyance is in an unsafe condition, so that its continued operation would be dangerous. The Department of Labor and Licensing has ordered that the use of this elevator or conveyance be discontinued until it has been made safe in conformity with Arkansas Law and the rules ~~and regulations~~ of the Arkansas Elevator Safety Board.

Continued operation of this elevator or conveyance or removal of this notice may result in criminal

and/or civil penalties.

This action is taken pursuant to the authority granted by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code §§ 11-2-117(c) and 20-24-116.

The specific conditions the Department of Labor and Licensing has found which render this elevator unsafe are as follows:

This tag shall only be removed by authority of the Chief Elevator Inspector.

~~Director of Labor~~  
Chief Elevator  
Inspector  
State of Arkansas

By:  
Dated:

Arkansas Department of Labor  
and Licensing  
~~10421 West Markham Street~~  
900 West Capitol, Suite 400  
Little Rock, Arkansas ~~72205~~  
72201

3. The ~~department's representative~~ Elevator Safety Section shall provide immediate written notice to the owner or lessee or agent of either present at the location of the conveyance, which notice shall include the following:

- a. copy of the red tag or warning;
- b. reason for revocation of the operating permit;
- c. the changes necessary for compliance; and
- d. the date, time, and place of a hearing on the revocation before a hearing officer designated ~~by the director~~ to hear such matters.

4. In the event the owner or lessee or agent of either is not present at the location of the conveyance, the ~~department~~ section shall mail the notice required by this Rule 010.05-015(3) to the owner or lessee within twenty-four (24) hours to the address on file with the ~~division~~ section.

5. The department shall hold a hearing on the immediate revocation of an operating permit within five (5) days of placing the red tag or warning on the conveyance. The department may extend the time for holding such a hearing upon the request, in advance, of the owner or lessee. The decision of the hearing officer shall constitute the final action of the department.

6. Any owner or lessee may appeal the department's final action on the immediate revocation of an operating permit to the Elevator Safety Board, provided a written request to appeal is received by the department within thirty (30) days of the department's final action.

7. a. If immediate action is not required, The department the section may request the Elevator Safety Board to revoke an operating permit if the department determines there is a failure to comply with the provisions of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.*; these rules ~~and regulations~~; or the detailed plans and specifications approved by the ~~department section~~ at the time of installation. In determining whether there exists cause to seek revocation of an operating permit, the ~~department section~~ may rely on an inspection report filed by a licensed elevator inspector.

b. The ~~department section~~ shall notify the owner or lessee in writing that it has requested the revocation of the owner or lessee's operating permit; the reasons the ~~department section~~ is seeking the revocation; the changes the ~~department section~~ contends are necessary for compliance; and the date, time and place of a hearing before the Elevator Safety Board.

c. If, after hearing, the board determines that there has been a failure to comply as alleged by the ~~department section~~, it the board shall revoke the operating permit of the owner or lessee.

## **F. Fees**

1. The annual fee to be charged for an operating permit is established by ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-116, which provides:

- a. Dumbwaiters.....\$30.00 annual
- b. Elevators and wheelchair lifts.....\$50.00 annual
- c. Escalators and moving walks.....\$85.00 annual

2. A twenty percent (20%) penalty may be assessed when the fee is past due by thirty (30) days.

3. a. The fee for a temporary operating permit on a new installation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and shall be good for a period of thirty (30) days. It may be renewed for additional period of thirty (30) days for a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Retesting is

required to renew after an initial sixty (60) days.

b. The fee for a temporary operating permit for a workman's hoist shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) and shall be good for a period of ninety (90) days.

#### **G. Requirement to Keep Current Addresses on File**

All owners or operators holding an operating permit issued by the agency are required to provide the agency Elevator Safety Section with information so that the agency section can remain in contact and provide notice of complaints and/or hearings. The permit holder is required to provide written notice to the division section of any change in business and/or residence address within ~~10~~ ten (10) working days of the change. Service of notices of hearing sent by mail will be addressed to latest address on file with the agency section.

#### **H. Requirement to Report Accidents**

1. Any mechanical, structural or electrical defects directly affecting rider safety for which a conveyance is closed for use for a period of time more than eight (8) hours, must be reported in writing by the owner or operator to the Department of Labor Elevator Safety Section within twenty-four (24) hours.

2. The owner or operator shall immediately cease to operate any conveyance involved in a fatality or serious physical injury, except to the extent necessary to protect life, limb and property. Such accident shall be reported in writing by the owner or operator within twenty-four (24) hours to the Department of Labor section. For the purposes of this requirement, the term "serious physical injury" shall mean any significant injury that requires immediate medical examination or treatment by a licensed physician.

3. Unless authorized in writing by the department section, no conveyance may be operated, altered, repaired, or tampered with, except to protect life, limb and property, following an accident involving a serious injury or death until the department section has completed an investigation concerning the accident.

### **010.05-016 Variances**

#### **A. Generally**

~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-106(d) authorizes the board in any particular case to grant exceptions and variances which shall only be granted where it is clearly evident that they are necessary in order to prevent undue hardship or where the existing conditions prevent compliance with the literal requirements of the rules ~~and regulations~~. In no case shall any exception or variation be granted unless, in the opinion of the board, reasonable safety will be secured thereby.

#### **B. Application and Approval**



1. An application for a variance shall be complete and shall be submitted by the owner or a licensed elevator contractor on behalf of the owner to the ~~department~~ Elevator Safety Section on a form approved by the ~~department~~ section. The application shall be accompanied by the following:

- 10.5.12      a. detailed plans and specifications as required by Rule 010.05-011 or herein;
- b. a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00); and
- c. citation to the specific standard(s) from which a variance is sought.

2. Failure to submit the items required by Rules 010.05- 016 (B)(1) above shall result in summary dismissal of the variance request or application.

3. The ~~department~~ section shall review the application for variance and its attachments. The ~~department~~ section may conduct an on-site inspection. The ~~department~~ section shall prepare a staff report and recommendation which shall include a copy of any inspection report and copies or citations to any applicable ASME Code standards.

4. The ~~department~~ section shall notify the applicant for the variance of the date, time, and place of the hearing before the board on the application for a variance. Such notice shall include a copy of the ~~department's~~ staff report and recommendation.

5. After hearing, the board shall grant or deny the variance. The board may grant a variance conditioned upon the provision of alternate means of providing for public safety or may grant a variance for a limited time only.

6. If the board grants a variance, an order shall be issued by the board. Such an order shall reflect the following:

- a. the name of the petitioner;
- b. the state number, or AS number, assigned by the department if it is an existing conveyance;
- c. the type of equipment for which it is issued;
- d. the owner or lessee on whose behalf the variance is sought;
- e. the location of the elevator, escalator, or dumbwaiter or other conveyance; and
- f. any conditions imposed by the board.

C. The owner or lessee shall maintain the variance order at the location of the

conveyance and make it accessible to any licensed elevator inspector.

#### **D. Specific Petitions**

1. The board will not grant a variance to permit the operation of an elevator for use by individuals with physical disabilities or any other use except in compliance with the provisions of Part V, Limited-Use/Limited-Application Elevators, ASME A17.1-2004 and 2005 Supplement and 2005 Addenda or A18.1 2005.

2. The board will not grant a variance to permit the operation of a residential elevator in a non-residential application.

3. The board recognizes that installation of a conveyance is expensive. Therefore, cost-savings alone is not evidence of an undue hardship.

#### **010.05-017 Civil Fines and Other Enforcement**

##### **A. Civil fines, Generally.**

1. ~~Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code~~ § 20-24-103 provides that any person, owner, lessee, partnership, association, corporation or inspector who violates any provision of ~~Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code~~ § 20-24-101 through 20-24-120 shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000) for each offense.

2. Each day during which a violation continues shall be a separate offense.

##### **B. Assessment of Fines**

1. The Elevator Safety ~~Division~~ Section will notify the person, owner, lessee, partnership, association, corporation, inspector, licensee, or permittee of any assessment of a civil fine or penalty. Notice shall be provided in the same manner as a notice of hearing provided for in ~~Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code~~ § 25-15-208 and Rule 010.05-009 herein.

2. The notice of a fine or penalty assessment shall include the following information:

- a. the nature of the violation(s);
- b. the date(s) of the violation(s);
- c. the amount of the civil penalty or fine;

d. a statement that the civil fine or penalty will be final unless it is appealed to the Elevator Safety Board by making a written request to the ~~Board~~ board for a hearing within thirty (30) days of the notice of assessment. Any hearing before the ~~Board~~ board will be conducted in accordance with ~~Ark. Code Ann. Arkansas Code~~ §§ 25-15-208 and -213 and

Rule 010.05-009 herein.

3. In determining the amount of the fine or penalty, the ~~division section~~ or the ~~Board board~~ may consider those factors listed in Rule 010.05-009(R) herein.

4. The ~~division section~~ has the burden of proving the alleged facts and violations of law stated in the notice.

5. No fine shall be assessed later than two (2) years from the date of the occurrence of the violation, unless such violation is continuing in nature.

### **C. Payment of Fine**

1. If a fine or penalty ~~is~~ has not been paid with sixty (60) days of the final administrative determination, the Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Labor may file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the fine or penalty.

2. No license or permit may be renewed by any licensee or ~~permittee~~ permittee with an unpaid fine or penalty. Further, failure to pay a fine or penalty shall be cause for revocation of any license or permit.

### **D. Injunction**

In addition to other enforcement action, the Director is authorized to petition a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin or restrain violations of ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-101 *et seq.*

### **010.05-018 Accessibility to the Disabled**

A. 1. In addition to the standards imposed by Rules 010.05- 011; 010.05-012; and 10.5.13 herein, the board hereby adopts and incorporates herein the American National Standards Institute Standard for Buildings and Facilities - Providing Accessibility and Usability for Physically Handicapped People, ANSI A117.1, 2003.

2. This Rule does not include any later amendments or editions of the standards incorporated by reference.

3. Copies of these standards incorporated by reference can be viewed in the offices of the division or can be obtained by contacting the following:

American National Standards Institute  
25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10036  
(212) 641-4980  
[www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)

**B.** Braille tags. In all publicly owned buildings containing passenger elevators, braille tags shall be affixed on or immediately adjacent to all elevator pushbuttons, levers, or switches in order that blind persons may operate the elevators properly without assistance from sighted persons. "Publicly owned buildings" includes those buildings which are owned or operated by a municipal, county, or state government. This requirement does not apply to elevator pushbuttons located outside the elevator car and used to call the elevator for travel "up" or "down".

#### **010.05-019 Other Appeals**

As provided in ~~Ark. Code Ann.~~ Arkansas Code § 20-24-119:

(a) Any person aggrieved by an order or act of the Department of Labor ~~and Licensing~~ or its authorized representative under this chapter may, within fifteen (15) days after notice thereof, appeal from the order or act to the board which shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, hold a hearing of which at least fifteen (15) days written notice shall be given to all interested parties.

(b) The Elevator Safety Board shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing, issue an appropriate order modifying, approving, or disapproving the order or act.

(c) A copy of the order by the board shall be served upon all interested parties.

(d) Within thirty (30) days after any order or act of the board, any person aggrieved thereby may file a petition in the chancery court of the county in which the aggrieved person resides, for a review thereof.

(e) The court shall summarily hear the petition and may make appropriate order or decree.

#### **010.05-020 Repealer, Effective Date and History**

**A.** All previous rules ~~and regulations~~ of the Elevator Safety Board are hereby repealed.

**B.** The effective date of these rules ~~and regulations~~ is the 1st day of September 1, 2006.

#### **C. History.**

1. The Elevator Safety Board first promulgated ~~regulations~~ rules effective August 27, 1963. These ~~regulations~~ rules were amended effective May 8, 1964; May 4, 1965; July 1, 1968; April 1, 1969; May 19, 1969; September 19, 1969; and July 1, 1975.

2. All previous rules ~~and regulations~~ of the Elevator Safety Board were repealed and new rules ~~and regulations~~ were adopted effective February 1, 1994.

3. All previous rules ~~and regulations~~ of the Elevator Safety Board were repealed and new rules ~~and regulations~~ were adopted effective September 1, 2006.

4. Effective June 1, 2008, ~~Regulation Rule~~ 010.05-011 was amended to adopt ASME A17.1 - 2007 and ANSI/ASSE A10.4 - 2007.

5. Effective March 1, 2017, the following rules ~~and regulations~~ of the board were amended: Rule 010.05-002 (Information for public guidance); Rule 010.05-006 (Rule-making); Rule 010.05-007 (Emergency rule-making); Rule 010.05-010 (Licensing); and Rule 010.05-020 (Repealer, Effective Date and History).

6. The rules of the board were amended effective March 1, 2022.

State of Arkansas                      *As Engrossed: S1/19/21 S1/26/21*  
93rd General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2021

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 78

By: Senators Hill, D. Wallace, T. Garner, Irvin, J. Hendren, J. English, Flippo  
By: Representatives Lynch, Cozart, Brown, Evans

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS OCCUPATIONAL  
LICENSING OF UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND  
SPOUSES ACT OF 2021; TO MODIFY THE AUTOMATIC  
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIFORMED  
SERVICES MEMBERS, RETURNING UNIFORMED SERVICES  
VETERANS, AND THEIR SPOUSES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH ARKANSAS OCCUPATIONAL  
LICENSING OF UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS,  
VETERANS, AND SPOUSES ACT OF 2021; AND TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-1-106 is repealed.

~~17-1-106. Automatic licensure for active duty service members,  
returning military veterans, and spouses—Definitions.~~

~~(a) As used in this section:~~

~~(1) “Automatic licensure” means the granting of occupational  
licensure without an individual’s having met occupational licensure  
requirements provided under this title or by the rules of the occupational  
licensing entity;~~

~~(2) “Occupational licensing entity” means an office, board,  
commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government~~



1 ~~having authority to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise~~  
2 ~~authorize an individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession;~~

3 ~~(3) "Occupational licensure" means a license, certificate,~~  
4 ~~registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by law or rule~~  
5 ~~that is required for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or~~  
6 ~~profession; and~~

7 ~~(4) "Returning military veteran" means a former member of the~~  
8 ~~United States Armed Forces who was discharged from active duty under~~  
9 ~~circumstances other than dishonorable.~~

10 ~~(b)(1) An occupational licensing entity shall grant automatic~~  
11 ~~licensure to engage in an occupation or profession to an individual who is~~  
12 ~~the holder in good standing of a substantially equivalent occupational~~  
13 ~~license issued by another state, territory, or district of the United States~~  
14 ~~and is:~~

15 ~~(A) An active duty military service member stationed in~~  
16 ~~the State of Arkansas;~~

17 ~~(B) A returning military veteran applying for licensure~~  
18 ~~within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty; or~~

19 ~~(C) The spouse of a person under subdivisions (b)(1)(A)~~  
20 ~~and (b)(1)(B) of this section.~~

21 ~~(2) However, an occupational licensing entity shall be required~~  
22 ~~to provide automatic licensure if the proposed rules are not approved as~~  
23 ~~required under subdivision (d)(2) of this section.~~

24 ~~(c) An occupational licensing entity may submit proposed rules~~  
25 ~~recommending an expedited process and procedure for occupational licensure~~  
26 ~~instead of automatic licensure as provided under subsection (b) of this~~  
27 ~~section to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council.~~

28 ~~(d) The Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council~~  
29 ~~shall:~~

30 ~~(1) Review the proposed rules of an occupational licensing~~  
31 ~~entity as submitted for public comment and at least thirty (30) days before~~  
32 ~~the public comment period ends under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure~~  
33 ~~Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.; and~~

34 ~~(2) Approve the proposed rules submitted under subsection (c) of~~  
35 ~~this section based on:~~

36 ~~(A) A determination of whether the expedited process and~~

~~procedure provide the least restrictive means of accomplishing occupational licensure; and~~

~~(B) Any other criteria the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council determines necessary to achieve the objectives of this section.~~

~~(c) The Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council may:~~

~~(1) Establish a subcommittee to assist in the duties assigned under this section;~~

~~(2) Assign information filed with the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council under this section to one (1) or more subcommittees of the Legislative Council, including without limitation a subcommittee created under subdivision (c)(1) of this section; or~~

~~(3) Delegate its duties under this section to one (1) or more subcommittees of the Legislative Council, subject to final review and approval of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council.~~

~~(f) An occupational licensing entity shall:~~

~~(1) Submit proposed rules authorized under subsection (c) of this section to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council for review and approval before the proposed rules are promulgated under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.; and~~

~~(2) Provide to the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs an annual report stating the number of automatic licenses and expedited occupational licenses granted under this section to:~~

~~(A) Active duty military service members stationed in the State of Arkansas;~~

~~(B) Returning military veterans applying within one (1) year of their discharge from active duty; or~~

~~(C) The spouse of a person under subdivisions (f)(2)(A) and (f)(2)(B) of this section.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 1, is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

Chapter 4 – Arkansas Occupational Licensing of Uniformed Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses Act of 2021



1  
2 17-4-101. Title.

3 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas  
4 Occupational Licensing of Uniformed Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses  
5 Act of 2021".  
6

7 17-4-102. Legislative findings and intent.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

9 (1) Arkansas sets the bar as a national leader in addressing  
10 employment barriers faced by uniformed service members, uniformed service  
11 veterans, and their spouses in attaining occupational licensure;

12 (2) Arkansas is one (1) of only four (4) states to successfully  
13 address eight (8) or more of the ten (10) issues affecting uniformed service  
14 families identified by the United States Department of Defense;

15 (3) Of the United States Department of Defense's ten (10) issues  
16 in fiscal year 2020, four (4) of the issues concern occupational licensure of  
17 spouses of uniformed service members;

18 (4) Annually, fourteen and a half percent (14.5%) of spouses of  
19 uniformed service members move across state lines as opposed to one and one-  
20 tenth percent (1.1%) of civilians;

21 (5) States can continue to improve the attainment of  
22 occupational licensure and to eliminate barriers impeding employment of  
23 spouses of uniformed service members following a move across state lines;

24 (6) Acts 2019, No. 820, established provisions for the granting  
25 of automatic occupational licensure or expedited occupational licensure to  
26 active-duty service members, recently separated veterans, and their spouses  
27 who hold occupational licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction; and

28 (7) Additional steps need to be taken to clarify, simplify, and  
29 elevate the occupational licensure process for uniformed service members,  
30 uniformed service veterans, and their spouses.

31 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to address occupational  
32 licensure barriers that impede the launch and sustainability of civilian  
33 occupational careers and employment faced by uniformed service members,  
34 uniformed service veterans, and their spouses due to frequent uniformed  
35 service assignment by:

36 (1) Providing:

1 (A) Automatic occupational licensure or expedited  
2 occupational licensure to current license holders to expedite their entry  
3 into the workforce of this state;

4 (B) Temporary or provisional licensure to initial  
5 licensure candidates while expediting full licensure;

6 (C) Legislative oversight of rulemaking by occupational  
7 licensing entities to ensure removal of occupational licensure barriers faced  
8 by uniformed service members, uniformed service veterans, and their spouses;  
9 and

10 (D) Guidance to assure effective rulemaking and clear  
11 license application instructions to uniformed service members, uniformed  
12 service veterans, and their spouses;

13 (2) Recognizing uniformed service education, training,  
14 experience, and credentials of uniformed service members and uniformed  
15 service veterans applying for initial occupational licensure; and

16 (3) Extending licensure expiration and any continuing education  
17 required for occupational licensure renewal when a uniformed service member  
18 is deployed.

19  
20 17-4-103. Definitions.

21 As used in this chapter:

22 (1) "Automatic occupational licensure" means the granting of  
23 occupational licensure without an individual's having met occupational  
24 licensure requirements provided under this title or by the rules of the  
25 relevant occupational licensing entity;

26 (2) "Occupational licensing entity" means an office, board,  
27 commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government  
28 having authority to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise  
29 authorize an individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession,  
30 not including occupations or professions within the judicial branch of  
31 government or occupations or professions subject to the superintending  
32 control of the Supreme Court;

33 (3) "Occupational licensure" means a license, certificate,  
34 registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by law or rule  
35 that is required for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or  
36 profession;

1           (4) "Uniformed service member" means:

2                   (A) An active or reserve component member of the United  
3 States Air Force, United States Army, United States Coast Guard, United  
4 States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Space Force, or  
5 National Guard;

6                   (B) An active component member of the National Oceanic and  
7 Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps; or

8                   (C) An active or reserve component member of the United  
9 States Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service; and

10           (5) "Uniformed service veteran" means a former member of the  
11 United States uniformed services discharged under conditions other than  
12 dishonorable.

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14       17-4-104. Applicability.

15       Unless otherwise stated in this chapter, this chapter applies to:

16           (1) A uniformed service member stationed in the State of  
17 Arkansas;

18           (2) A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes  
19 residency in the State of Arkansas; and

20           (3) The spouse of:

21                   (A) A person listed in subdivision (1) or (2) of this  
22 section;

23                   (B) A uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of  
24 duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying  
25 the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and

26                   (C) A uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs  
27 to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse  
28 establishes residency in the state.

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30       17-4-105. Automatic occupational licensure.

31       An occupational licensing entity shall grant automatic occupational  
32 licensure to engage in an occupation or profession to an individual who is:

33           (1) Listed in § 17-4-104; and

34           (2) The holder in good standing of occupational licensure with  
35 similar scope of practice issued by another state, territory, or district of  
36 the United States.

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2 17-4-106. Expedited occupational licensure.

3 (a)(1) An occupational licensing entity may submit proposed rules  
4 recommending an expedited process for the attainment of occupational  
5 licensure instead of automatic occupational licensure as provided under § 17-  
6 4-105 to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council.

7 (2) The proposed rules described in subdivision (a)(1) of this  
8 section shall include temporary or provisional occupational licensure  
9 provisions with a term of ninety (90) days or more.

10 (3) The occupational licensing entity shall provide automatic  
11 occupational licensure if the proposed expedited occupational licensure rules  
12 are not approved as required by § 17-4-109.

13 (b)(1) An occupational licensing entity shall expedite the process for  
14 initial occupational licensure for an individual who is listed in § 17-4-104.

15 (2) An occupational licensing entity shall provide the applicant  
16 under subdivision (b)(1) of this section with a temporary or provisional  
17 license upon receipt of required documentation or the successful completion  
18 of any examination required by the relevant occupational licensing entity to  
19 enable the applicant to secure employment in his or her occupation or  
20 profession.

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22 17-4-107. Acceptance of uniformed service education, training,  
23 experience, or service-issued credential.

24 An occupational licensing entity shall accept relevant and applicable  
25 uniformed service education, training, or service-issued credential toward  
26 occupational licensure qualifications or requirements when considering an  
27 application for initial licensure of an individual who is:

28 (1) A uniformed service member; or

29 (2) A uniformed service veteran who makes an application within  
30 one (1) year of his or her discharge from uniformed service.

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32 17-4-108. Extension of license expiration and continuing education  
33 requirements.

34 (a) An occupational licensing entity shall extend the expiration date  
35 of an occupational licensure for a deployed uniformed service member or his  
36 or her spouse for one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the

1 uniformed service member's return from deployment.

2 (b)(1) An occupational licensing entity shall allow a full or partial  
3 exemption from a continuing education requirement that is required as a  
4 component of occupational licensure for an individual who is listed in  
5 subsection (a) of this section until one hundred eighty (180) days following  
6 the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.

7 (2) An occupational licensing entity that allows full or partial  
8 exemption from continuing education requirements may require evidence of  
9 completion of continuing education before granting a subsequent occupational  
10 licensure or authorizing the renewal of an occupational licensure.

11  
12 17-4-109. Legislative oversight of rules.

13 (a) The Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council  
14 shall:

15 (1) Review the proposed rules of an occupational licensing  
16 entity as submitted for public comment at least thirty (30) days before the  
17 public comment period ends under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, §  
18 25-15-201 et seq.; and

19 (2) Approve the proposed rules submitted under § 17-4-106 based  
20 on:

21 (A) A determination of whether the expedited process  
22 provides the least restrictive means of attaining occupational licensure; and

23 (B) Any other criteria the Administrative Rules  
24 Subcommittee of the Legislative Council determines necessary to achieve the  
25 objectives of this section.

26 (b) The Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council  
27 may:

28 (1) Establish a further subcommittee to assist in the duties  
29 assigned to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council  
30 under this section;

31 (2) Assign information filed with the Administrative Rules  
32 Subcommittee of the Legislative Council under this section to one (1) or more  
33 subcommittees of the Legislative Council, including without limitation a  
34 subcommittee created under subdivision (b)(1) of this section; or

35 (3) Delegate the duties of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee  
36 of the Legislative Council under this section to one (1) or more

1 subcommittees of the Legislative Council, which shall be subject to the final  
2 review and approval of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the  
3 Legislative Council.

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5 17-4-110. Responsibilities of occupational licensing entities.

6 An occupational licensing entity shall:

7 (1) Submit proposed rules authorized under § 17-4-106 to the  
8 Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council for review and  
9 approval before the proposed rules are promulgated under the Arkansas  
10 Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.;

11 (2) If the proposed rules are not approved as required under §  
12 17-4-109, provide automatic occupational licensure to an individual listed in  
13 § 17-4-104;

14 (3) Post prominently on the occupational licensing entity's  
15 website a link entitled "Military Member Licensure" that directly leads to  
16 information applicable to an individual listed in § 17-4-104; and

17 (4) Provide to the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth,  
18 Legislative and Military Affairs an annual report stating the number of  
19 individuals granted automatic occupational licensure and expedited  
20 occupational licensure under this chapter.

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22 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
23 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that current laws and  
24 administrative rules regarding the issuance of occupational licenses,  
25 certificates, and permits are barriers and create a hardship for uniformed  
26 service members, uniformed service veterans, and their spouses; that  
27 additional expedited processes, automatic licensure, and extended expiration  
28 dates of occupational licenses, certificates, and permits is needed to ensure  
29 that uniformed service members, uniformed service veterans, and their spouses  
30 may practice their chosen occupation or profession in the State of Arkansas;  
31 and that this act is immediately necessary to remove barriers and hardships  
32 in obtaining occupational licenses, certificates, and permits for uniformed  
33 service members, uniformed service veterans, and their spouses. Therefore, an  
34 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for  
35 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become  
36 effective on:

1           (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

2           (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
3 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
4 bill; or

5           (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
6 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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93rd General Assembly

# A Bill

Regular Session, 2021

SENATE BILL 153

By: Senators Gilmore, *B. Ballinger, Beckham, Bledsoe, B. Davis, Flipppo, T. Garner, K. Hammer, Hester, B. Johnson, D. Sullivan, C. Tucker, D. Wallace*

By: Representatives Ray, *Beaty Jr., M. Berry, Boyd, Brooks, Brown, Furman, Haak, McCollum, Underwood, Wardlaw*

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE WORKFORCE EXPANSION ACT OF 2021;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO CREATE THE WORKFORCE EXPANSION ACT OF  
2021.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4, Chapter 25, Subchapter 1, is amended  
to add an additional section to read as follows:

4-25-110. Fee waiver for certain individuals.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the initial filing fees, permit fees, and licensing fees associated with the formation of a business in this state shall be waived for applicants who meet the requirements in the Workforce Expansion Act of 2021, § 17-4-101 et seq.

(b) Appropriate state entities shall:

(1) Publish notice of the fee waiver on:

(A) The website maintained by the appropriate state entity; and

(B) Any relevant forms that an applicant is required to complete; and

(2) Promulgate any necessary rules to implement this section.





1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, is amended to add an additional  
2 chapter to read as follows:

3 Chapter 4 – Workforce Expansion Act of 2021

4  
5 17-4-101. Title.

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Workforce  
7 Expansion Act of 2021".

8  
9 17-4-102. Legislative findings – Purpose.

10 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

11 (1) Entrepreneurs and workers must pay various fees in order to  
12 work in a government-regulated profession or occupation or to start a small  
13 business in Arkansas;

14 (2) Families trying to break the cycle of government dependency  
15 should not have to pay the state to earn a living; and

16 (3) Arkansas should waive initial fees associated with  
17 occupational and professional regulations and the formation of a business for  
18 low-income individuals.

19 (b) It is the purpose of this chapter to increase access to  
20 professional and occupational licenses that would otherwise be cost  
21 prohibitive for certain individuals.

22  
23 17-4-103. Definitions.

24 As used in this chapter:

25 (1) "License" means a license, certificate, registration,  
26 permit, or other form of authorization required by law or rule that is  
27 required for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or  
28 profession; and

29 (2)(A) "Licensing entity" means an office, board, commission,  
30 department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government having  
31 authority to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise authorize an  
32 individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession.

33 (B) "Licensing entity" does not include a political  
34 subdivision of the state or any other local or regional governmental entity,  
35 including without limitation a city of the first class, a city of the second  
36 class, an incorporated town, or a county.

1 17-4-104. Fee waiver.

2 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensing entity shall  
3 not require an initial fee for individuals who are seeking to receive a  
4 license in this state if the applicant:

5 (1) Is receiving assistance through the Arkansas Medicaid  
6 Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Special  
7 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, the  
8 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, or the Lifeline Assistance  
9 Program;

10 (2) Was approved for unemployment within the last twelve (12)  
11 months; or

12 (3) Has an income that does not exceed two hundred percent  
13 (200%) of the federal poverty income guidelines.

14 (b) The waiver of the initial fee does not include fees for:

15 (1) A criminal background check;

16 (2) An examination or a test; or

17 (3) A medical or drug test.

18 (c) The Department of Human Services and the Division of Workforce  
19 Services shall collaborate with a licensing entity concerning verification of  
20 eligibility for public benefits for applicants, which may include obtaining a  
21 signed consent form from the applicant.

22  
23 17-4-105. Licensing entity duties.

24 A licensing entity shall:

25 (1) Publish notice of the fee waiver on:

26 (A) The website maintained by the licensing entity; and

27 (B) Any relevant forms that an applicant is required to  
28 complete; and

29 (2) Promulgate any necessary rules to implement this chapter.  
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31 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

32 SECTIONS 1 and 2 of this act shall be effective on and after January 1,  
33 2022.  
34

35 /s/Gilmore

36 APPROVED: 4/15/21

State of Arkansas  
93rd General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2021

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1875

By: Representative Bryant  
By: Senator Hester

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE EARN AND LEARN ACT; TO ALLOW  
INDIVIDUALS TO WORK AND EARN A PAYCHECK WHILE ALSO  
FULFILLING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND GAINING THE  
SKILLS TO FILL THE NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING WORKFORCE;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO CREATE THE EARN AND LEARN ACT; AND TO  
ALLOW INDIVIDUALS TO WORK AND EARN A  
PAYCHECK WHILE ALSO FULFILLING LICENSING  
REQUIREMENTS AND GAINING THE SKILLS TO  
FILL THE NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING WORKFORCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17 is amended to add an additional  
chapter to read as follows:

### CHAPTER 4

### EARN AND LEARN ACT

#### 17-4-101. Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Earn and Learn  
Act".

#### 17-4-102. Legislative findings – Purpose.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:



1           (1) Apprenticeships prioritize on-the-job training and provide  
2 workers the opportunity to earn a paycheck while working towards industry-  
3 recognized credentials;

4           (2) Apprenticeships allow employers to build a skilled workforce  
5 according to industry standards; and

6           (3) Occupational licensing prevents the citizens of this state  
7 from taking full advantage of apprenticeships because many apprenticeship-  
8 friendly jobs require a license to legally work in this state.

9           (b) It is the purpose of this chapter to allow individuals to work and  
10 earn a paycheck while also fulfilling licensing requirements and gaining the  
11 skills to fill the needs of an expanding workforce.

12  
13       17-4-103. Definitions.

14       As used in this chapter:

15           (1) "Apprenticeship" means a program that meets the federal  
16 guidelines set out in 29 C.F.R. Part 29, as existing on March 1, 2021, and  
17 existing programs currently implementing work requirements as approved by the  
18 United States Office of Apprenticeship as meeting the requirements of an  
19 apprenticeship;

20           (2) "License" means a license, certificate, registration,  
21 permit, or other form of authorization required by law or rule that is  
22 required for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or  
23 profession; and

24           (3) "Licensing entity" means an office, board, commission,  
25 department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government having  
26 authority to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise authorize an  
27 individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession.

28  
29       17-4-104. Treatment of apprenticeships regarding licenses.

30       (a) A licensing entity shall grant a license to an applicant who:

31           (1) Completes an apprenticeship in the licensed occupation or  
32 profession;

33           (2) Passes an examination, if deemed to be necessary by the  
34 licensing entity;

35           (3) Pays any fees deemed necessary by the licensing entity;

36           (4) Does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined

1 by the licensing entity under state law; and

2 (5) Completes all other requirements for licensure unrelated to  
3 training and education.

4 (b) If a licensing entity denies a license to an applicant under this  
5 chapter, the licensing entity shall:

6 (1) Provide the applicant with a denial in writing; and

7 (2) Explain the reason for the denial in the written decision,  
8 such as whether the licensing entity determined that the applicant's  
9 apprenticeship program does not correspond to the profession or occupation or  
10 level of license for which the applicant applied.

11 (c)(1) A licensing entity shall establish a passing score for  
12 examinations that does not exceed the passing score required under the  
13 standard licensing processes.

14 (2) If the licensing entity does not require an examination for  
15 the standard licensing process for a profession or occupation, an applicant  
16 who completes an apprenticeship for the profession or occupation is not  
17 required to pass an examination.

18 (d)(1) A licensing entity shall establish a licensing fee that does  
19 not exceed the licensing fee required under the standard licensing processes.

20 (2) If the licensing entity does not require a fee for the  
21 standard licensing process for a profession or occupation, an applicant who  
22 completes an apprenticeship in the profession or occupation is not required  
23 to pay a fee.

24 (e) Except as otherwise required by federal law, an apprenticeship for  
25 a profession or occupation is not required to exceed the number of hours  
26 required by the licensing entity for the profession or occupation.

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28 17-4-105. Construction.

29 This chapter does not apply to:

30 (1) A licensing entity that does not license individual workers  
31 for which there is an apprenticeship program established under 29 C.F.R. Part  
32 29, as existing on March 1, 2021;

33 (2) A license that requires the educational equivalent of a  
34 bachelor's degree or higher; or

35 (3) A license issued by the State Board of Barber Examiners or  
36 the Department of Health regarding cosmetology.

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2 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

3 (a) All licensing entities as required under this act shall promulgate  
4 rules necessary to implement this act.

5 (b)(1) When adopting the initial rules to implement this act, the  
6 final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under §  
7 25-15-204(f):

8 (A) On or before January 1, 2022; or

9 (B) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by  
10 January 1, 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

11 (2) A licensing entity shall file the proposed rule with the  
12 Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1,  
13 2022, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval  
14 before January 1, 2022.

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16 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

17 This act is effective on and after January 1, 2022.  
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