

I signed House Bill No. 1615, which extends the current deadline for building owners to install door restrictors and firefighter's service on elevators and escalators, from 2005 to 2010. The importance of this legislation to building owners throughout the state is clear. The forced application of these requirements would have a serious financial impact on building owners and municipalities already suffering from diminished financial circumstances.

However, because I support the enacted standards for elevators and escalators, I will soon release an executive order that requires the Department of Licensing and Regulation to adopt rules that encourage building owners to expedite their conformity. The order will require building owners who seek a waiver under this bill after 2005 to notify their tenants that the building's elevator or escalator does not meet the guidelines discussed in this bill. These building owners will also be required to submit a plan, with their waiver request, for meeting the door restrictor and firefighter access requirements by 2010.

This executive order will protect the interest of public safety without mandating harmful financial liabilities on building owners and the municipalities who rely upon them.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

*Rick Perry*

RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
3:30pm O'CLOCK

JUN 21 2003

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AN ACT

relating to requirements for door restrictors or firefighter's service applicable to certain elevators, escalators, or related equipment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 754.014(f), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) On written request, the commissioner shall grant a delay until September 1, 2010 [~~2005~~], for compliance with the requirements for door restrictors or firefighter's service in the 1994 ASME Code A17.3 if those requirements were not included in the ASME Code A17.1 that was in effect on the date of installation of the elevator, escalator, or related equipment and that equipment was not subsequently installed by an owner of the elevator, escalator, or related equipment.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Swinhart

President of the Senate

Jim Cusick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1615 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1615 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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