

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 54.1 an article numbered 4,*
3 *consisting of sections numbered 54.1-1140 through 54.1-1143, relating to the Board for Contractors;*
4 *certification of elevator mechanics.*

5 [H 829]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 54.1 an article**
9 **numbered 4, consisting of sections numbered 54.1-1140 through 54.1-1143, as follows:**

10 *Article 4.*11 *Certification of Elevator Mechanics.*12 *§ 54.1-1140. Definitions.*

13 *As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:*

14 *"Elevator mechanic" means an individual who is certified by the Board in accordance with this*
15 *article who is engaged in erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing, testing or*
16 *maintaining elevators, escalators, or related conveyances in accordance with the Uniform Statewide*
17 *Building Code. However, a person not certified as an elevator mechanic may perform maintenance that*
18 *is not related to the operating integrity of an elevator, escalator, or related conveyance, as provided in*
19 *the regulations of the Board.*

20 *§ 54.1-1141. Requirements for certification.*

21 *A. Effective July 1, 2005, no individual shall present himself as a certified elevator mechanic as*
22 *defined in § 54.1-1140 unless he has been certified under the provisions of this article. Individuals*
23 *certified as elevator mechanics shall not be required to hold any other professional or occupational*
24 *license or certification; however, nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an individual from holding*
25 *more than one professional or occupational license or certification.*

26 *B. Any individual desiring to be certified as an elevator mechanic shall file a written application on*
27 *a form prescribed by the Board. The application shall be accompanied by a fee set by the Board*
28 *pursuant to § 54.1-201. The application shall contain, at a minimum, the applicant's name, place of*
29 *employment, business address, and information on the knowledge, skills, abilities and education or*
30 *training of the applicant.*

31 *§ 54.1-1142. Issuance of certification.*

32 *A. The Board shall issue a certificate to practice as an elevator mechanic in the Commonwealth to*
33 *any applicant who has submitted satisfactory evidence that he has successfully:*

34 *1. Completed the educational requirements as required by the Board, which shall at a minimum*
35 *include such requirements as the Board determines will establish minimum competency on the part of*
36 *the applicant;*

37 *2. Completed the experience requirements as required by the Board, which shall at a minimum*
38 *consist of at least three years in the elevator industry; and*

39 *3. Passed an examination offered or approved by the Board.*

40 *B. The Board may issue a certificate to practice as a certified elevator mechanic to any applicant*
41 *who has a certification from an association approved by the Board that is equal to or exceeds the*
42 *requirements established by the Board for all applicants.*

43 *C. Any individual who applies for certification as an elevator mechanic between July 1, 2004, and*
44 *July 1, 2005, shall be deemed to have fulfilled the examination requirement if he is able to demonstrate*
45 *that he has at least five years experience as an elevator mechanic.*

46 *§ 54.1-1143. Continuing education.*

47 *A. The Board shall establish in the regulations requirements for continuing education as a*
48 *prerequisite to renewal of any certificate issued under this article. The Board shall require evidence of*
49 *knowledge of the Uniform Statewide Building Code changes as a prerequisite to renewal of any*
50 *certificate issued under this article. In addition, the Board may require continuing education for any*
51 *individual who is found to be in violation of law or regulations governing the practice of an elevator*
52 *mechanic certified under this article.*

53 *B. An elevator mechanic, as a condition of recertification and as part of the recertification*
54 *application, shall certify to the Board that he has completed at least eight hours of continuing*
55 *education, approved by the Board, in the specialty of elevator/escalator contracting. The Board may*
56 *establish such requirements for approval of training instructors, the criteria for the continuing education*

57 *and such other regulations to ensure the protection of the public interest. Such criteria shall include*
58 *approval of curriculum sponsored by national or state professional elevator industry associations*
59 *approved by the Board.*