

HB 253

2008

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to elevator safety; amending s. 553.509,
3 F.S.; extending the deadlines for verification of plans
4 for an alternative source of power for elevators in
5 residential multifamily dwellings and for verification of
6 compliance with installation and operational capability
7 requirements with respect thereto; providing an effective
8 date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
13 553.509, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 553.509 Vertical accessibility.--

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16 (b)1. At a minimum, the elevator must be appropriately
17 prewired and prepared to accept an alternate power source and
18 must have a connection on the line side of the main disconnect,
19 pursuant to National Electric Code Handbook, Article 700. In
20 addition to the required power source for the elevator and
21 connected fire alarm system in the building, the alternate power
22 supply must be sufficient to provide emergency lighting to the
23 interior lobbies, hallways, and other portions of the building
24 used by the public. Residential multifamily dwellings must have
25 an available generator and fuel source on the property or have
26 proof of a current contract posted in the elevator machine room
27 or other place conspicuous to the elevator inspector affirming a
28 current guaranteed service contract for such equipment and fuel

29 source to operate the elevator on an on-call basis within 24
30 hours after a request.

31 2. ~~By December 31, 2006,~~ Any person, firm or corporation
32 that owns, manages, or operates a residential multifamily
33 dwelling as defined in paragraph (a) must provide to the local
34 building inspection agency verification of engineering plans for
35 residential multifamily dwellings that provide for the
36 capability to generate power by alternate means. A person, firm,
37 or corporation that has not met the requirements of this
38 subparagraph by December 31, 2006, must meet such requirements
39 by December 31, 2010. An enforcement action, fine, or other
40 penalty is not valid for a violation of this subparagraph unless
41 the violation occurs after December 31, 2010.

42 3. Compliance with installation requirements and
43 operational capability requirements must be verified by local
44 building inspectors and reported to the county emergency
45 management agency ~~by December 31, 2007.~~ A person, firm, or
46 corporation that has not met the requirements of this
47 subparagraph by December 31, 2007, must meet such requirements
48 by December 31, 2011. An enforcement action, fine, or other
49 penalty is not valid for a violation of this subparagraph unless
50 the violation occurs after December 31, 2011.

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52 However, buildings, structures, and facilities must, as a
53 minimum, comply with the requirements in the Americans with
54 Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.