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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to elevator accessibility
3 requirements; amending s. 399.035, F.S.; requiring
4 elevator car interiors to have at least one support
5 rail that meets certain specifications; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
11 399.035, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 399.035 Elevator accessibility requirements for the
13 physically handicapped.—

14 (1) Each elevator, the installation of which is begun after
15 October 1, 1990, must be made accessible to physically
16 handicapped persons with the following requirements:

17 (b) Each elevator car interior must have a support rail on
18 at least one wall. All support rails must be smooth and have no
19 sharp edges and must not be more than 1 1/2 inches thick or 2
20 1/2 inches in diameter. At least one support rail ~~Support rails~~
21 must be continuous and a minimum length of 42 inches overall.
22 The inside surface of support rails must be 1 1/2 inches clear
23 of the car wall. The distance from the top of the support rail
24 to the finished car floor must be at least 31 inches and not
25 more than 33 inches. Padded or tufted material or decorative
26 materials such as wallpaper, vinyl, cloth, or the like may not
27 be used on support rails.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.