Temporary Elevator Mechanic License

A shortage of licensed elevator mechanics is causing serious difficulties in having adequate installation and service personnel. The current statute includes language that would prohibit the Cabinet from issuing Temporary mechanic licenses unless there was not a single licensed mechanic available in the state. The proposed changes would: Allow the Cabinet to issue temporary license when a contractor is suffering a shortage; would prohibit a temporary mechanic license to be renewed more than one time. (This was the intent of the original legislation).

198B.4021 Temporary elevator mechanic license -- Proof of competency -- License valid for one year -- Renewal.

- (1) An elevator contractor shall notify the department when the contractor has no <u>a shortage of</u> licensed personnel available to perform elevator work. The elevator contractor may request that the department issue temporary elevator mechanic licenses to persons confirmed by the licensed elevator contractor to have a combination of documented experience and education to perform elevator work without direct and immediate supervision.
- (2) Any person confirmed by an elevator contractor to have a combination of documented experience and education to perform elevator work without direct and immediate supervision shall immediately seek a temporary elevator mechanic license from the department.
- (3) Each temporary license shall be valid for a period of one (1) year and only while the licensee is employed by the licensed elevator contractor that confirmed the individual as qualified.
- (4) The temporary license shall be renewable for <u>one</u> additional terms of one (1) year each until there is the contractor has no shortage of ordinary license holders.

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- → Section 1. KRS 198B.4021 is amended to read as follows:
- (1) An elevator contractor shall notify the department when the contractor has \underline{a} shortage of [no] licensed personnel available to perform elevator work. The elevator contractor may request that the department issue temporary elevator mechanic licenses to persons confirmed by the licensed elevator contractor to have a combination of documented experience and education to perform elevator work without direct and immediate supervision.
- (2) Any person confirmed by an elevator contractor to have a combination of documented experience and education to perform elevator work without direct and immediate supervision shall immediately seek a temporary elevator mechanic license from the department.
- (3) Each temporary license shall be valid for a period of one (1) year and only while the licensee is employed by the licensed elevator contractor that confirmed the individual as qualified.
- (4) The temporary license shall be renewable for <u>one (1)</u> additional <u>term</u>[terms] of one (1) year[<u>each</u>] until <u>the contractor has</u>[there is] no shortage of ordinary license holders.