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CHAPTER 764

(House Bill 322)

AN ACT to add new Section 47 to Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Fires and Investigations," to follow immediately after Section 46 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Elevators," to require certain elevators to ~~have~~ have signs warning against use during a fire, to establish requirements for certain sign positions and lettering, and providing a penalty for violation of this Act.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 47 be and it is hereby added to Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Fires and Investigations," to follow immediately after Section 46 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Elevators" and to read as follows:

ELEVATORS

47.

(A) EVERY PASSENGER ELEVATOR IN A PERMANENT INSTALLATION USED BY THE PUBLIC SHALL HAVE A SIGN READING "WARNING - ELEVATORS SHALL NOT BE USED IN EVENT OF FIRE - USE ~~[[STAIRS]]~~ MARKED EXIT STAIRWAYS" POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ELEVATOR SHAFT ON EVERY FLOOR. THE SIGN SHALL BE POSTED DIRECTLY ABOVE THE CALL BUTTON. A SIMILAR SIGN SHALL BE POSTED WITHIN THE ELEVATOR CABIN. THE TOPS OF THESE SIGNS SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN SIX FEET ABOVE THE FLOOR AND THE LETTERING IN THE WORD "WARNING" SHALL BE AT LEAST THREE-EIGHTHS OF AN INCH AND THE REST OF THE LETTERING SHALL BE ~~[[ONE-HALF]]~~ AT LEAST ONE-QUARTER INCH. THE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL PROMULGATE RULES CONCERNING THE LETTERING TO ASSURE THAT THE SIGN IS EASILY READABLE. ~~[[THE SIGNS MUST BE AT LEAST TEN INCHES BY TWELVE INCHES IN SIZE.]]~~

(B) ANY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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