

(d) All new and existing elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and moving walks shall be inspected, tested and maintained in a safe operating condition in accordance with the American National Standard Safety Code for elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and moving walks, known as ANSI A17.1-1971, and all subsequent amendments and revisions to it, as adopted by the Commissioner, and any rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Commissioner. However, any elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator, and moving walk installed before July 1, 1955 may be used without being altered or rebuilt to comply with the requirements of the ANSI Code, as adopted by the Commissioner. However, all elevators shall be equipped with standard hoistway entrance protection, and all passenger elevators of more than 100 feet per minute contract speed shall be provided with car doors or gates which meet the requirements of the ANSI Code A17.1-1971 and all subsequent amendments and revisions to it, as adopted by the Commissioner. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and moving walks installed before July 1, 1955 shall be maintained in a safe operating condition so as not to create a substantial probability of serious physical harm or death and shall be subject to inspections and tests as required.

All alterations and relocations of elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and moving walks, installed subsequent to January 1, 1975, shall meet the requirements of the ANSI Code A17.1-1971 and all subsequent amendments and revisions to it, as adopted by the Commissioner.

(e) The Commissioner shall administer and enforce the provisions of this section and shall prescribe rules and regulations that conform generally to ANSI Code A17.1-1971 and all subsequent amendments and revisions to it. If necessary to fulfill the Commissioner's responsibilities under this section, the Commissioner shall adopt regulations that amend standards set forth in ANSI Code A17.1-1971 and all subsequent amendments and revisions to it, and prescribe other rules and regulations. The rules and regulations shall be consistent with the requirements of Article 83B, § 6-503 of the Code.

(f) When an inspection discloses that an elevator is in unsafe condition so that its continued operation will violate any rule, regulation, standard or Code promulgated and issued under this section, citation and penalties may be issued in accordance with §§ 5-212 and 5-213 of the Labor and Employment Article.

(g) The Commissioner, upon written request, may grant exceptions from the literal requirements or permit the use of other devices or methods than those specified under ANSI Code A17.1-1971 and all subsequent amendments and revisions to it, as adopted by the Commissioner, and rules and regulations adopted where it is evident that action is necessary to prevent undue hardship or where existing conditions prevent practical compliance and reasonable safety can in the opinion of the Commissioner be secured.

(h) If after inspection or testing of any elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator or moving walk the Commissioner or authorized representative of the Commissioner determines that any elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator or moving walk is in violation of any standard or safety code promulgated under this subtitle, and that there is a