

substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from its continued use, action shall be taken in accordance with § 5-210 of the Labor and Employment Article.

(i) If an inspection discloses that an elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator, or moving walk complies with the applicable safety code, as adopted by the Commissioner, and the rules and regulations of the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall issue to the owner or lessee thereof a certificate of registration and inspection. The certificate shall be valid for not more than one year from date of issuance. The certificate, when issued, shall be posted in or on the elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator, or moving walk.

(j) The cost of administering this section is provided for under § 5-204 of the Labor and Employment Article.

(k) In addition to provisions enumerated in subsections (f) and (j) of this section, §§ 5-205(j), 5-207, 5-214, 5-215, and 5-216 and Title 5, Subtitle 8 of the Labor and Employment Article are applicable to this section.

(l) The Commissioner may assign duties and functions imposed by this section to the chief elevator inspector.

(m) [(1) On request of an authorized insurer for elevators in the State, the Commissioner may designate, as a special elevator inspector, an employee of the insurer who is qualified to inspect elevators. A special elevator inspector is not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses from the State.

(2) The Commissioner shall define, by regulation:

(i) The authority of a special elevator inspector; and

(ii) Procedures to report about an inspection to the Commissioner.]

**ALL ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS IN THE STATE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE DONE BY A STATE INSPECTOR.**

(n) Notwithstanding any provisions of this section, the Commissioner shall accept certificates of inspection from any political subdivision or municipal corporation in lieu of certificates of registration and inspection as required by this section.

(o) Nothing in this section may be construed to apply to any existing or new elevator, escalator, moving walk or dumbwaiter installed in a privately owned single-family residential dwelling.

(p) 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 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 6 feet above the floor and the lettering in the word "warning" shall be at least three-eighths inch and the rest of the lettering shall be at least one-fourth inch.