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HOUSE FILE 53

COMMERCE, REGULATION & LABOR BY WILDERDYKE

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 Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act permitting the use of residential elevators in certain  
 2 churches to transport persons with disabilities.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 89A.3, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The commissioner shall adopt rules  
4 permitting elevators which are permitted for residential use  
5 to be used in an eligible church or house of worship where the  
6 elevators are only used to transport a restricted number of  
7 persons with disabilities. The rules shall provide that an  
8 elevator installed pursuant to this subsection shall be  
9 inspected upon the installation of the elevator and shall not  
10 be subject to any further inspection. After inspection, an  
11 eligible church or house of worship shall promptly post a sign  
12 at the entrance to an elevator installed pursuant to this  
13 subsection stating the following: "In accordance with  
14 national consensus safety standards, the labor commissioner  
15 has deemed that restricted-use elevators are unsafe except for  
16 residential use due to weight restrictions and other safety  
17 concerns. Enter at your own risk." For purposes of this  
18 subsection, an "eligible church or house of worship" means a  
19 church or house of worship located in a building constructed  
20 prior to July 1, 2003, and with a building capacity of five  
21 hundred persons or less.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill requires the labor commissioner to adopt rules  
24 allowing residential elevators in eligible churches where the  
25 elevators are only used to transport a restricted number of  
26 persons with disabilities. The bill further provides that  
27 once an elevator has been installed as permitted by this bill,  
28 it shall be subject to inspection only once. In addition, the  
29 bill provides that once the inspection has been completed, the  
30 church shall place a warning sign at the entrance to the  
31 elevator indicating that the labor commissioner has deemed  
32 this type of elevator unsafe except for residential use. The  
33 bill defines eligible churches as churches in buildings  
34 constructed prior to July 1, 2003, with a building capacity of  
35 500 persons or less.