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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt rules that establish a reciprocating conveyor mechanic license and a restricted reciprocating conveyor mechanic license. Defines what activities the license holder can perform. Sets fees at \$100 per year for the issuance or renewal of a reciprocating conveyor mechanic license, and \$50 for the issuance or renewal of a restricted license (for three-year period). Exempts installation and repair of the mechanical portions of a residential wheelchair incline lift from electrical and elevator licensing requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of mechanical equipment involved
- Home incline lifts
- Experience necessary for installation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes emergency clause. Sets issuance and renewal fees. Exempts installation and repair of the mechanical portions of a residential wheelchair incline lift from electrical and elevator licensing requirements.

BACKGROUND: A reciprocating conveyor is a self-contained, power-driven stationary device that moves bulk material, packages or other objects on a platform and that is equipped with safety guards along a predetermined horizontal, inclined or vertical path between loading and discharge points.

House Bill 2548-B removes the regulation of reciprocating conveyors from the Elevator Safety Law and establishes the mechanisms for creating a new licensing system to regulate their installation, alteration, repair, maintenance and operation. The Department of Consumer and Business Services is responsible for issuing the licenses, and the measure establishes the means to establish licensing qualifications and fees through the administrative rules process.

The measure establishes guidelines for the department to follow when adopting rules, such as supervision and oversight requirements for reciprocating conveyor mechanic and restricted licenses, and that an applicant for the full license must demonstrate 3,000 hours of work experience in the installation, alternation, repair, and maintenance of reciprocating conveyors or in other forms of elevators identified by rule.