

February 10, 2009

**S 114. EXEMPT SOME CHURCH FACILITY LU/LA ELEVATORS.** Filed 2/10/09. *EXEMPTING PLACES OF WORSHIP OWNED AND OPERATED BY RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE RELATING TO LIMITED USE AND LIMITED ACCESS ELEVATORS.*

Enacts new GS 143-138(c1) providing that the state Building Code and standards under Article 9 (Building Code) do not apply to the installation and maintenance of limited use or limited access hydraulic elevators in places of worship that have less than 1,000 members in the body of worshipers to be served by the building or facility. Defines *place of worship* as a place used primarily for religious rituals or religious observance within any building or facility owned and operated by a religious organization. Prohibits a nonreligious entity that leases space from a religious organization from being exempted. Also amends GS 143-138(e) to prohibit a local government from adopting an ordinance in conflict with the exemption and prohibits a local ordinance or regulation from being construed to limit the exception. Provides that nothing in the act is to be construed to limit the authority of the Department of Labor to perform safety inspections of hydraulic elevators. Makes conforming changes.

**Intro. by Hoyle.**

GS 143

March 10, 2009

**S 114. EXEMPT SOME CHURCH FACILITY LU/LA ELEVATORS.** Filed 2/10/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Make a clarifying change to the definition of *place of worship* in proposed GS 143-138(c1). Requires the Commissioner of Labor to adopt rules under Article 14A (Elevator Act of North Carolina) of GS Chapter 95 to require the posting, in any building or structure that has more than one elevator, of a distinct number in plain view of the passenger cabin of each elevator for identification of the elevator and to facilitate extrication from any malfunctioning elevator. Make a conforming change to the title.

May 21, 2009

**S 114. EXEMPT CHURCHES & CLUBS LU/LA ELEVATORS (NEW).** Filed 2/10/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes the section that sets out the General Assembly findings. Rewrites new GS 143-138(c1) to extend the exemption from the State Building Code and standards for installation and maintenance of limited use or limited access hydraulic elevators to private clubs, establishments exempted under Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and religious organizations or entities controlled by religious organizations (was, a place of worship, defined as a building or facility owned and operated by a religious organization and used primarily for religious rituals or religious observance, having less than 1,000 members). Makes conforming changes, including amending the title.

June 15, 2009

**SL 2009-79 (S 114). EXEMPT CHURCHES & CLUBS LU/LA ELEVATORS. AN ACT EXEMPTING PRIVATE CLUBS AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE RELATING TO LIMITED-USE AND LIMITED-ACCESS ELEVATORS AND TO REQUIRE THE ADOPTION OF RULES UNDER THE ELEVATOR SAFETY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA PROVIDING FOR THE PROMINENT DISPLAY OF IDENTIFYING NUMBERS IN ELEVATORS TO FACILITATE THE EXTRICATION OF PASSENGERS FROM MALFUNCTIONING ELEVATORS.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/10/09, 3/10/09, and 5/21/09. Enacted June 11, 2009. Effective June 11, 2009.