

**HOUSE BILL NO. 117**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/7/97

Referred: Labor and Commerce

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to boiler and pressure vessel inspection standards; relating to  
2 elevator safety and inspection standards; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 18.60.315 is amended to read:

5           **Sec. 18.60.315. Inspection standards. Unless the Department of Labor**  
6           **establishes by regulation a different edition, the most current** [THE 1992] edition  
7 of the National Board Inspection Code Manual for Boiler and Pressure Vessel  
8 Inspectors constitutes the minimum boiler and pressure vessel inspection standard of  
9 the state for boilers and pressure vessels after they have received their initial inspection  
10 certificates from the Department of Labor. The Department of Labor may adopt  
11 regulations for the maximum practical implementation of the manual and may grant  
12 an exception from a specific provision of the manual when the department determines  
13 that the implementation of the provision would be impractical.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.60.800(a) is amended to read:

1           (a) **Unless the Department of Labor establishes by regulation a different**  
2 **edition, the most current** [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
3 1990] edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers [A17.1 - 1990] Safety  
4 Code for Elevators and Escalators published by the American Society of Mechanical  
5 Engineers **constitutes** [IS ADOPTED AS] the minimum elevator safety code in the  
6 state. [SECTION 1001.1, INSPECTION AND TEST PERIODS, AND PART XXII,  
7 SHIPBOARD ELEVATORS, OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL  
8 ENGINEERS SAFETY CODE FOR ELEVATORS AND ESCALATORS, ARE NOT  
9 ADOPTED AS A PART OF THE MINIMUM ELEVATOR SAFETY CODE IN THE  
10 STATE.]

11 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.60.800(c) is amended to read:

12           (c) Inspections of elevators by the department shall be performed in  
13 accordance with the procedures set out in the **most recent edition of the National**  
14 **Standard Practice for the Inspection of Elevators and Escalators published by the**  
15 **American Society of Mechanical Engineers** [INSPECTOR'S MANUAL FOR  
16 ELEVATORS AND ESCALATORS - ANSI/ASME A17.2 AS APPROVED IN 1988].

17 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.60.800(d) is amended to read:

18           (d) A municipality may adopt the standards established **by** [IN] this section or  
19 prescribe standards more stringent than those established **by** [IN] this section.

20 \* **Sec. 5.** REGULATIONS. The Department of Labor may adopt regulations to implement  
21 AS 18.60.315 and 18.60.800(a) and (c), as amended by secs. 1 - 3 of this Act. The  
22 regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the  
23 effective date of secs. 1 - 3 of this Act.

24 \* **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 - 4 of this Act take effect January 1, 1998.

25 \* **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).