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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



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Public Safety and Security Committee

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REGARDING
ACTING BUILDING OFFICIALS, CERTAIN PARKING SPACES AND
ELEVATOR CERTIFICATES OF OPERATION**

SUMMARY: This act expands the circumstances by which a municipality's chief executive officer can appoint a licensed building official to be an acting building official for up to 180 days to include if the building official has an extended absence of at least 15 consecutive days. Under existing law, an acting building official can also be appointed if the existing building official dies, becomes disabled, is dismissed, retires, or has his or her license revoked.

The act also authorizes the State Building Code to preempt a state law on handicapped parking space sizes if it imposes greater width requirements to accommodate electric vehicle charging stations. Existing law requires handicapped parking spaces to be (1) 15 feet wide including five feet of cross hatch (i.e. space between parking spaces where there is no parking) for passenger vehicles and (2) 16 feet wide including eight feet of cross hatch for passenger vans.

The act also prohibits an elevator or escalator from receiving a certificate of operation renewal from the Department of Administrative Services if it (1) was deemed unfit for operation during its most recent inspection or (2) has any outstanding violation. As under existing law, elevators or escalators must have a certificate to operate and the certificates must be renewed every two years with a renewal fee of \$240. Existing law also exempts elevators in private residences from renewal requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025, except the acting building official provision is effective July 1, 2025.