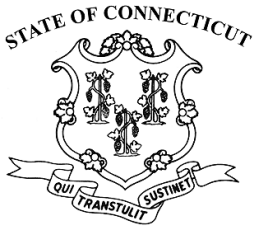

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1320

Public Act No. 25-108

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-260 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) The chief executive officer of any town, city or borough, unless other means are already provided, shall appoint an officer to administer the code for a term of four years and until **[**his**]** such officer's successor qualifies and quadrennially thereafter shall so appoint a successor. Such officer shall be known as the building official. Two or more communities may combine in the appointment of a building official for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the code in the same manner. The chief executive officer of any town, city or borough, upon the death, disability, dismissal, retirement, **[**or**]** revocation of licensure or extended absence of fifteen consecutive days or more of the building official, may appoint a licensed building official as the acting building official for a single period not to exceed one hundred eighty days.

Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of section 14-253a of the general statutes is

repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(h) (1) Parking spaces designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities on or after October 1, 1979, and prior to October 1, 2004, shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall be fifteen feet wide including three feet of cross hatch, or parallel to a sidewalk on a public highway. **[**On**]** Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, on and after October 1, 2017, parking spaces for (A) passenger motor vehicles designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall be fifteen feet wide including five feet of cross hatch or parallel to a sidewalk on a public highway, **[**. On and after October 1, 2017, parking spaces for**]** and (B) passenger vans designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall be sixteen feet wide including eight feet of cross hatch or parallel to a sidewalk on a public highway. Such spaces shall be designated by above grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "handicapped parking permit required" and "violators will be fined". Such signs shall also bear the international symbol of access. Whenever such a sign is replaced, repaired or erected it shall bear the words "reserved parking permit required" and "violators will be fined", bear the symbol of access and indicate the minimum fine for a violation of subsection (f) of this section. Such indicator may be in the form of a notice affixed to such a sign.

(2) The provisions regarding the total width and width of cross hatch for parking spaces specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply in the event the State Building Code imposes greater width requirements for such parking spaces in order to accommodate the presence of electric vehicle charging stations, as defined in section 16-19f.

Sec. 3. Section 29-196 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

As soon as the department approves any new, relocated or altered elevator or escalator as being fit for operation, **[**it**]** the department shall issue to the owner a certificate of operation for a capacity and speed specified in the inspector's report. The fee for the certificate first issued shall be two hundred fifty dollars. Such certificate shall be posted conspicuously in the car or cage or on the platform of the elevator or escalator and shall be valid for twelve months. Thereafter, the certificate shall be renewed every two years upon receipt of the renewal fee of two hundred forty dollars, **[**except that elevators**]** provided the elevator or escalator was deemed to be fit for operation pursuant to the most recent inspection of such elevator or escalator and is not the subject of any outstanding violation of applicable law. Elevators located in private residences shall not be subject to said renewal requirement. No fee shall be required of the state or any agency of the state. No elevator or escalator may be lawfully operated without such certificate.

Governor's Action:
Approved June 24, 2025