408.814a.added Residential chairlift or residential stairway platform lift; installation, construction, repair, alteration, or maintenance; requirements.

Sec. 14a. (1) An individual shall not install, construct, repair, alter, or maintain a residential stairway chairlift or residential platform lift unless that individual meets all of the following:

(a) He or she is 1 of the following:

(i) Certified by the manufacturer of the residential stairway chairlift or residential platform lift to install, construct, repair, alter, or maintain that chairlift or lift.

(ii) Licensed as an elevator contractor under this act.

(b) He or she has, or the person that employs or has engaged him or her as an agent has, liability insurance in the principal amount of at least $1,000,000.00 for each occurrence and at least $2,000,000.00 in the aggregate.

(c) Before commencing the work, obtains all permits required by the municipality in which the premises are located.

(d) In performing the work, complies with both of the following:

(i) The state construction code.

(ii) The American society of mechanical engineers standard 18.1-2008 or any revision to that standard approved by the department.

(2) An individual shall not install, construct, repair, alter, or maintain a residential stairway chairlift or residential platform lift unless the device meets all of the following:

(a) The device has a limited vertical travel, operating speed, and platform area.

(b) Operation of the device is under continuous control of the user or passenger.

(c) The device does not penetrate more than 1 floor.

(d) The device does not have a full passenger enclosure on the platform of the device.

(e) The device is not operated by means of hydraulic propulsion.

(f) The device is not rated to transport a load greater than 750 pounds.

(g) If the device is a residential platform lift, the device does not travel vertically more than 6 feet on a slope that is 90 degrees.

(3) A permit from the department under section 15(1) is not required to alter or install a residential stairway chairlift or residential platform lift.


Compiler's note: Enacting section 3 of Act 35 of 2015 provides:

"Enacting section 3. It is the intent of the legislature that the enactment of this amendatory act does not affect the department of licensing and regulatory affairs' examination or examination requirements for licensure as a residential builder under article 24 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.2401 to 339.2412."