

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4321

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Elevator Safety Act; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 3023.4, which relates to enforcing the Elevator Safety Act; prohibiting retroactive application without safety exemption; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 3023.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3023.4. A. It shall be the duty of the Department of Labor to develop an enforcement program which will ensure compliance with regulations and requirements referenced in this chapter. An enforcement program may include, but is not limited to, regulations for identification of property locations which are subject to the regulations and requirements; issuing notifications to violating property owners or operators; random on-site inspections and tests on existing installations; witnessing periodic inspections and testing in order to ensure satisfactory performance by licensed persons, sole proprietors, firms or corporations; and assisting in

1 the development of public awareness programs. The Department shall  
2 not retroactively apply new rules and standards to existing  
3 structures unless the Department produces written findings,  
4 supported by documented evidence, that the structure presents  
5 obvious safety hazards.

6 B. Any person may request an investigation into an alleged  
7 violation of this chapter by giving notice to the Department of  
8 Labor of such violation or danger. The notice shall be in writing,  
9 shall set forth with reasonable particularity the grounds for the  
10 notice, and shall be signed by the person making the request.

11 C. Upon receipt of a notification, if the Commissioner  
12 determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a  
13 violation or danger exists, the Commissioner shall cause to be made  
14 an investigation in accordance with this chapter as soon as  
15 practicable to determine if such violation or danger exists. If the  
16 Commissioner determines that there are no reasonable grounds to  
17 believe that a violation or danger exists, the Department of Labor  
18 shall notify the party in writing of such determination.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.  
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