

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 934

PRINTER NO. 1826

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

October 31, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Baker

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 934 amends the Administrative Code establishing the Elevator Safety Board and establishes fees. The newly created Elevator Safety Board will undertake some activities currently overseen by the Industrial Board under the Department of Labor and Industry.

The new Elevator Safety Board shall consist of a representative from:

- The Department of Labor and Industry;
- An elevator manufacturing company;
- An elevator servicing company;
- An architectural design or elevator consulting profession;
- An elevator inspector;
- A labor organization specializing in installation, maintenance or repair of elevators;
- Building owners or manager;
- Municipalities; and
- The general public.

Monthly meetings shall be held to consider code regulations, appeals, variances and other business. It is the power of the board to grant exceptions and variances for changes that would not jeopardize the safety of the general public or elevator industry employees.

The board shall also recommend regulations to the Secretary of Labor and Industry (secretary) regarding construction, maintenance and inspection of elevators and their safe operation. The secretary shall review the proposed regulations and submit approved regulations for promulgation.

Members of the board shall serve without salary. They shall receive reimbursement for travel and lodging and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

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There will be no fiscal impact from this legislation. Currently, the Industrial Board receives variance, appeal and extension of time requests in relation to elevators. A fee of \$321 is assessed for such requests, and an additional \$1,000 is assessed for expedited action. Senate Bill 934 maintains the current fee structure for these requests.

The department estimates that the Industrial Board reviews 50 variance, appeal or requests for extensions of time per month, which the Elevator Safety Board will consider once established. Assuming there are no requests for expedited action, it can be anticipated that fees collected by the new board will be \$193,000 per year.

Any additional administrative costs incurred by the establishment and operation of the new Elevator Safety Board can be accommodated by the department from the current revenues generated by the existing fee structure.