

**Introduced by Senator Lowenthal**  
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An act to add Section 7311.5 to the Labor Code, relating to safety in employment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 727, as introduced, Lowenthal. Safety in employment: special purpose personnel elevators.

Existing law prohibits the construction, erection, installation, material alteration, testing, maintenance, repair, or service of specified conveyances by any person, firm, or corporation, unless that person, firm, or corporation is certified by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health as a certified qualified conveyance company. Existing law also generally requires that any person who, without supervision, erects, constructs, installs, alters, tests, maintains, services or repairs, removes, or dismantles specified conveyances be certified as a certified competent conveyance mechanic by the division.

This bill would provide that a person, firm, or corporation that maintains and repairs solely special purpose personnel elevators, as defined, on cranes in marine terminals, as defined, as part of crane maintenance activities, qualifies as a certified qualified conveyance company provided that the individual qualifying individually or on behalf of the firm or corporation meets certain experience requirements. This bill would provide that a person may qualify as a certified competent conveyance mechanic by meeting specified experience requirements. This bill would also provide that the certifications obtained pursuant to these provisions are limited to the purpose of maintaining and repairing special purpose personnel

elevators on cranes in marine terminals, and do not require an examination.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 7311.5 is added to the Labor Code, to  
2 read:

3 7311.5. (a) A person, firm, or corporation that maintains and  
4 repairs solely special purpose personnel elevators on cranes in  
5 marine terminals as part of crane maintenance activities qualifies  
6 as a certified qualified conveyance company under Section  
7 7311.1 if the individual qualifying individually or on behalf of  
8 the firm or corporation has five years' work experience at a  
9 journeyperson level in the crane maintenance industry, including  
10 experience in the maintenance and repair of crane elevators. This  
11 experience shall be verified by a person, firm, or corporation in  
12 the business of maintaining and repairing cranes in marine  
13 terminals.

14 (b) A person qualifies as a certified competent conveyance  
15 mechanic under Section 7311.2 if the person has three years'  
16 work experience in the crane maintenance industry, including  
17 experience in the maintenance and repair of crane elevators, as a  
18 journey-level mechanic without direct and immediate  
19 supervision. This experience shall be verified by a crane  
20 maintenance company approved as a certified qualified  
21 conveyance company pursuant to subdivision (a).

22 (c) The certifications obtained pursuant to this section may  
23 only be used for purposes of maintaining and repairing special  
24 purpose personnel elevators on cranes in marine terminals.

25 (d) The certifications authorized by this section require  
26 experience but do not require an examination because the general  
27 examination given pursuant to this chapter is inapplicable to the  
28 work described in this section. The division is not required to set  
29 up specialty examinations to certify persons pursuant to this  
30 chapter.

31 (e) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have  
32 the following meanings:

1 (1) “Special purpose personnel elevators” shall have the same  
2 meaning as defined in Section 3085 of Title 8 of the California  
3 Code of Regulations.

4 (2) “Marine terminal” shall have the same meaning as used in  
5 Section 3460 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations.

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