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Highlights

- The state and local political subdivisions may incur a cost if elevators in buildings they operate experience an outage or expected outage for four or more consecutive calendar days. The fiscal effect of the bill will ultimately depend on the (1) extent of elevator outages, (2) number of individuals who rely on elevators for access to government offices and services due to their disabilities, and (3) cost of providing reasonable accommodations to these particular individuals.
- The Department of Commerce's Division of Industrial Compliance anticipates it will use existing staff and resources to fulfill the bill's requirement to keep a public list of elevators that are out of service and to contact owners or operators of out-of-service elevators to check on the status of repairs. Any unanticipated cost associated with these provisions would be paid from the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560).

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires an elevator owner or operator, when its elevator required by the Americans with Disabilities Act goes out of service, to do all of the following: (1) provide written notice that the elevator is out of service to the Department of Commerce's Division of Industrial Compliance, and (2) post signs stating that the elevator is out of service, the date the elevator is expected to return to service, and the available modes of traveling between floors. Additionally, the bill requires the owner or operator to provide reasonable accommodations to allow individuals who rely on the elevator service due to a disability to access the building and its services if the outage or expected outage is more than four consecutive calendar days. As a result, the state and local political subdivisions may incur an unknown cost if its elevators experience an outage or expected outage for four or more consecutive calendar days. The fiscal effect of the bill will ultimately depend on the (1) frequency and extent of elevator service outages, (2) number

of individuals who, due to their disabilities, must use elevators to enter government offices and obtain services, and (3) cost incurred by these public building owners or operators to provide reasonable accommodations to these individuals.

The Department of Commerce's Division of Industrial Compliance oversees the Elevator Law and registers over 34,000 active elevators statewide. Under the bill, the Division is required to keep a public list of elevators that are out of service and to contact owners or operators of out-of-service elevators to check on the status of repairs. The Division anticipates it will use existing staff and resources to fulfill the bill's requirements. Any additional cost resulting from the bill's requirements would be paid from the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560). Fund 5560 is used by the Division to regulate individuals and companies who build, modify, and maintain building systems within Ohio, and also to enforce Ohio's wage laws.