

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 265

BY SENATOR MORRELL

COURTS. Provides for minimum standards for elevator access to multistory courthouses for the disabled community. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1734(C), relative to building codes; to provide relative to access and use  
3 of public buildings; to provide for certain offenses and penalties; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1734(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1734. Accessibility features required of new public buildings or facilities; private  
8 buildings or facilities; dwelling units; **all courthouses**

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10 **C.(1) Any courthouse shall be made accessible pursuant to ADA**  
11 **Standards subject only to the limitations or exceptions provided for therein.**  
12 **Any multistory courthouse shall have at least one-half of all of its elevators in**  
13 **proper working service at all times and shall be made accessible in accordance**  
14 **with the ADA Standards and rules promulgated by the fire marshal pursuant**  
15 **to the Administrative Procedure Act.**

16 **(2) Any multistory courthouse shall be authorized to take each elevator**  
17 **out of service for repairs and maintenance no more than two weeks per**



(Adds R.S. 40:1734(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to  
the original bill

1. Clarifies that the owner of the courthouse is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of the law.