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**By: Delegate Arnick**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Amusement Attractions - Public Safety**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that one of the purposes of amusement ride safety law is  
4 to educate the public that compliance with all lawful requirements is essential for  
5 the safe operation of a ride; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to  
6 adopt safety regulations for use of amusement attractions; and generally relating to  
7 public safety with regard to amusement attractions.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Business Regulation  
10 Section 3-102 and 3-302  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Business Regulation**

16 3-102.

17 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

18 (1) an unsafe amusement attraction is likely to cause serious and  
19 preventable injuries to members of the public; and

20 (2) for the welfare of the people of the State, these injuries must be  
21 prevented and the public must be protected from unsafe amusement attractions.

22 (b) The purpose of this title is to ensure, as far as possible, the safety of the public  
23 in the use of amusement attractions at carnivals, fairs, and amusement parks in the State  
24 by providing for:

25 (1) adoption of safety regulations;

26 (2) an effective enforcement and compliance program; [and]

27 (3) reporting procedures on the safety of amusement attractionsthat:

28 (i) help to achieve the purpose of this title; and

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1 (ii) describe accurately the hazards of amusement attractions; AND

2 (4) EDUCATING THE PUBLIC, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THAT  
3 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWFUL REQUIREMENTS IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SAFE  
4 OPERATION OF A RIDE.

5 3-302.

6 In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Commissioner shall adopt safety  
7 regulations for the maintenance [and], operation, AND USE of amusement attractions.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 1996.