
By: Senator Stone

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Amusement Attractions - Public Safety**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that compliance by the public with safety instructions and
4 warnings for amusement attractions is essential to prevent injuries; providing that a
5 purpose of the amusement safety law is to educate the public that compliance with
6 certain lawful requirements is essential for the safe operation of amusement
7 attractions; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt
8 regulations to prevent certain conduct; and generally relating to public safety with
9 regard to amusement attractions.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Business Regulation
12 Section 3-102 and 3-302
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Business Regulation**

18 3-102.

19 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

20 (1) an unsafe amusement attraction is likely to cause serious and
21 preventable injuries to members of the public; [and]

22 (2) for the welfare of the people of the State, these injuries must be
23 prevented and the public must be protected from unsafe amusement attractions; AND

24 (3) COMPLIANCE BY THE PUBLIC WITH SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND
25 WARNINGS FROM OPERATORS OF AMUSEMENT ATTRACTIONS IS ESSENTIAL TO
26 PREVENTING THESE INJURIES.

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

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1 (1) adoption of safety regulations;

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

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

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

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

6 (4) EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THAT
7 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWFUL REQUIREMENTS THAT RELATE TO THE USE OF
8 AMUSEMENT ATTRACTIONS IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF
9 AMUSEMENT ATTRACTIONS.

10 3-302.

11 (A) In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Commissioner shall adopt
12 safety regulations for the maintenance and operation of amusement attractions.

13 (B) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT RELATE TO THE
14 USE OF AMUSEMENT ATTRACTIONS TO ASSIST IN THE PREVENTION OF CONDUCT
15 THAT MAY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTE TO INJURIES.

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