

SENATE BILL 399

C2

71r0742

By: **Senators Pipkin, Astle, Della, and Middleton**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2007

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the composition of the State Amusement Ride
4 Safety Advisory Board as to the race and gender of its members reflects the
5 composition of the population of the State; prohibiting a member of the Board
6 from serving more than a certain number of consecutive terms; and generally
7 relating to the membership of the State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory
8 Board.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Business Regulation
11 Section 3–304
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Business Regulation**

17 3–304.

18 (a) (1) The Board consists of 9 members appointed by the Governor with
19 the advice and consent of the Senate.

20 (2) Of the 9 members of the Board:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) 1 shall be a mechanical engineer;
- 2 (ii) 1 shall represent owners of carnivals;
- 3 (iii) 1 shall represent the State Fair and the county fairs;
- 4 (iv) 2 shall represent owners of amusement parks; and
- 5 (v) 4 shall be consumer members.

6 (3) In choosing the members of the Board, the Governor shall make
7 every effort to ensure that each region of the State is represented.

8 **(4) THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AS TO THE RACE AND**
9 **GENDER OF ITS MEMBERS SHALL REFLECT THE COMPOSITION OF THE**
10 **POPULATION OF THE STATE.**

11 (b) Each consumer member of the Board shall be a member of the general
12 public.

13 (c) (1) The term of a member is 4 years and begins on July 1.

14 (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms
15 provided for members of the Board on October 1, 1992.

16 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor
17 is appointed and qualifies.

18 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
19 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

20 **(5) A MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE**
21 **TERMS.**

22 (d) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2007.