

SENATE BILL 590

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By: **Senators Pipkin and Della**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2009

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Business Regulation
12 Section 3–304
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 3–304.

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

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

22 (i) 1 shall be a mechanical engineer;

23 (ii) 1 shall represent owners of carnivals;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) 1 shall represent the State Fair and the county fairs;

2 (iv) 2 shall represent owners of amusement parks; and

3 (v) 4 shall be consumer members.

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

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

9 (b) Each consumer member of the Board shall be a member of the general
10 public.

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

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

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

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

18 (5) **A MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE**
19 **TERMS.**

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

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2009.