

HB 1403 -- Amusement Rides and Buildings

Sponsor: Moore

This bill makes changes to the laws regarding amusement rides. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Expands the definition of "amusement ride" to include dry slides, bungee cord attractions, climbing walls, and inflatable attractions;

(2) Adds the definition of "special amusement building" and requires them to comply with all laws governing amusement rides;

(3) Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to conduct spot inspections of amusement rides and special amusement buildings without notice whenever the ride or building is operating and provides for suspension when unsafe conditions are disclosed and reinstatement upon correction and reinspection;

(4) Requires special amusement buildings to comply with national codes and standards and subjects them to fire safety inspections by the department;

(5) Changes the allocation of collected inspection fees from the General Revenue Fund to the Elevator Safety Fund; and

(6) Makes it a class B misdemeanor to knowingly make false statements or representations in documents required in the laws governing amusement rides and special amusement buildings.

The bill becomes effective January 1, 2005.