

HCS HB 1403 -- AMUSEMENT RIDES (Moore)

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

(1) Expands the definition of "amusement ride" to include dry slides, bungee cord attractions, and climbing walls over 10 feet tall;

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

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

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

(5) Requires amusement parks with annual gross sales in excess of \$3 million to develop an emergency management plan for responding to a disaster. The plan must be submitted to the State Fire Marshal within six months of the effective date of the substitute and be posted in a conspicuous location at the amusement park.

The substitute becomes effective January 1, 2005.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$14,250 in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$7,568 in FY 2005, \$141,337 in FY 2006, and \$142,249 in FY 2007.