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House Bill No. 5065
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 1, 2004

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSPECTION OF AMUSEMENT RIDES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-132 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 All amusement rides and devices in the state shall be inspected at
4 least once in each calendar year, and as often as the Commissioner of
5 Public Safety directs. The commissioner shall approve one or more
6 qualified inspectors or civil engineers familiar with the construction
7 and use of gravity and other amusement rides and devices to conduct
8 such inspections. A reasonable fee for such inspection, to be
9 determined by the commissioner, shall be paid to such inspector or
10 engineer by the owner, lessee or operator of such ride or device. No
11 amusement ride or device used for the carrying of passengers shall be
12 operated in the state unless the same has been inspected by such an
13 inspector or engineer and the inspector or engineer has certified to the
14 commissioner that, in his judgment, the same is reasonably safe for
15 public use. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of such inspector or

16 engineer to grant such certificate of safety shall have the right of
17 appeal to the commissioner, who may, after due hearing, if he is of the
18 opinion that such ride or device is safe for public use, issue a license
19 therefor. Upon receipt of such certificate, if the applicant has complied
20 with the provisions of sections 29-129 to 29-143a, inclusive, a license
21 shall be issued by the commissioner, and he may issue temporary
22 licenses to operate such rides or devices pending inspection or final
23 hearing upon the application when, in his judgment, fairness and
24 equity require it. For the purposes of this section, "inspector" means
25 any person certified to perform safety inspections of amusement rides
26 and devices by a nationally recognized professional or trade
27 association of amusement ride safety officials.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Passage of the bill is not anticipated to result in any fiscal impact to the state. The bill allows the Commissioner of Public Safety to approve qualified inspectors to conduct amusement ride inspections. Under current law, the commissioner can only approve certain qualified civil engineers. Furthermore, ride owners pay those costs associated with the actual inspections. The bill also allows the commissioner to grant modifications and exemptions from amusement ride regulations in certain circumstances.

House "A" made technical changes and removed the provision permitting the Commissioner of Public Safety to allow exemptions from regulation compliance in certain circumstances.

OLR BILL ANALYSIS

HB 5065 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF AMUSEMENT RIDES**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the public safety commissioner to approve qualified inspectors, instead of just civil engineers, to conduct the required annual inspection of amusement rides and devices, using the same standards that apply to civil engineers. The bill defines an inspector as anyone certified to perform safety inspections of amusement rides and devices by a nationally recognized professional or trade association of amusement ride safety officials.

*House Amendment "A" (1) defines inspectors, (2) eliminates the original bill's grant of authority to the public safety commissioner to exempt or grant equivalent compliance with amusement ride standards if strict compliance entailed practical difficulty or was unwarranted, and (3) makes a technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 22 Nay 0