



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 825

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT CONCERNING PAINTBALL SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) No paintball facility shall
2 allow any person under eighteen years of age to use a paintball gun at
3 such facility without (1) instruction in procedures for the safe use of
4 paintball equipment, or (2) presentation of a certificate attesting to
5 such person's completion of such instruction. Such instruction may
6 include, but need not be limited to: (A) A short video presentation of
7 proper safety equipment and procedures, (B) verbal instruction by the
8 staff of the paintball facility, or (C) a short written or oral examination
9 concerning safety measures for the participant followed by an
10 explanation of any incorrect responses. After successful completion of
11 such instruction, the paintball facility shall issue a certificate attesting
12 to such completion to the participant.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) No person under
14 eighteen years of age shall use a paintball gun on any public or private
15 property unless such person is wearing an eye protective device which
16 meets the American Society of Testing and Materials specification
17 F1776-01. Failure to comply with this section shall not be a violation or
18 an offense. Failure to wear an eye protective device required by this
19 subsection shall not be considered to be contributory negligence on the
20 part of the parent or such person nor shall such failure be admissible in

21 any civil action.

22 (b) A law enforcement officer may issue a verbal warning to the
23 parent or guardian of a person who has failed to comply with the
24 provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*