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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING SKI SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-211 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 In the operation of a passenger tramway or ski area, each operator
4 shall have the obligation to perform certain duties including, but not
5 limited to: (1) Conspicuously marking all trail maintenance vehicles
6 and furnishing the vehicles with flashing or rotating lights which shall
7 be operated whenever the vehicles are working or moving within the
8 skiing area; (2) conspicuously marking the location of any hydrant or
9 similar device used in snow-making operations and placed on a trail or
10 slope; (3) conspicuously marking the entrance to each trail or slope
11 with a symbol, adopted or approved by the National Ski Areas
12 Association, which identifies the relative degree of difficulty of such
13 trail or slope or warns that such trail or slope is closed; (4)
14 conspicuously marking any lift tower that is located on a trail or slope
15 and is not readily visible; (5) maintaining one or more trail boards, at
16 prominent locations within the ski area, displaying such area's

17 network of ski trails and slopes, designating each trail or slope in the
18 same manner as provided in subdivision (3) of this section and
19 notifying each skier that the wearing of ski retention straps or other
20 devices used to prevent runaway skis is required by [this section,
21 section 29-201 and sections 29-212 to 29-213, inclusive] section 29-213,
22 as amended by this act; (6) in the event maintenance personnel or
23 equipment are being employed on any trail or slope during the hours
24 at which such trail or slope is open to the public, conspicuously
25 posting notice thereof at the entrance to such trail or slope; [and] (7)
26 conspicuously marking trail or slope intersections; (8) ensuring that
27 passenger tramways are equipped with restraint devices; (9) at the
28 entrance of a passenger tramway, conspicuously posting instructions
29 regarding the proper use of a restraint device on a passenger tramway
30 and notice that the use of a restraint device on a passenger tramway is
31 required by section 29-213, as amended by this act; and (10) ensuring
32 that any hydrant, snow-making equipment, pipes and lift towers that
33 are located within the borders of a designated slope, trail or area
34 approved for skiing by the operator are padded or otherwise
35 protected. For the purposes of subdivisions (8) and (9) of this section,
36 "passenger tramway" has the same meaning as provided in
37 subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 29-201.

38 Sec. 2. Section 29-213 of the general statutes is repealed and the
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

40 No skier shall: (1) Intentionally drop, throw or expel any object from
41 a passenger tramway; (2) do any act which shall interfere with the
42 running or operation of a passenger tramway; (3) use a passenger
43 tramway without the permission of the operator; (4) place any object in
44 the skiing area or on the uphill track of a passenger tramway which
45 may cause a skier to fall; (5) cross the track of a J bar lift, T bar lift,
46 platter pull or similar device or a rope tow, except at a designated
47 location; (6) depart from the scene of a skiing accident when involved
48 in the accident without leaving personal identification, including name
49 and address, or before notifying the proper authorities and obtaining

50 assistance when such skier knows that any other skier involved in the
51 accident is in need of medical or other assistance; (7) fail to wear
52 retention straps or other devices used to prevent runaway skis; or (8)
53 fail to use the restraint device on a passenger tramway. For the
54 purposes of subdivision (8) of this section, "passenger tramway" has
55 the same meaning as provided in subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of
56 subsection (a) of section 29-201.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	29-211
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	29-213

Statement of Purpose:

To improve skiing safety standards by requiring the use of restraining devices on a passenger tramway and the posting of certain instructions and notices.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]