



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 249

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Substitute House Bill No. 5545

House of Representatives, March 29, 2016

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE TO FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "portable structures" means units designed to be moved
3 including, but not limited to, amusement rides, attractions,
4 concessions, tents, trailers, trucks and similar units.

5 (b) Any town fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass
6 gathering held within the state, authorized or approved by the
7 municipality in which such fair, festival or gathering is held, shall be
8 exempt from any provision of the State Building Code that prohibits
9 portable structures under or within a space that is located fifteen feet
10 horizontally and extends vertically to grade of conductors operating in
11 excess of six hundred volts.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(b), "extending" was changed to "extends" for proper grammar.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill exempts local fairs and festivals from certain provisions of the State Building Code. This has no fiscal impact, as it is not expected to increase or decrease any costs municipalities may incur related to local fairs and festivals.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5545*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE TO FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows town and county fairs, local festivals, and similar mass gatherings authorized or approved by the host municipality to place portable structures under or within a space located 15 feet horizontally and extending vertically to grade of conductors operating in excess of 600 volts. This practice is prohibited by the National Electric Code (NFPA 70 § 525.5 (B)(2)), which the state has adopted as part of the State Building Code.

The bill defines "portable structures" as units designed to be moved, including amusement rides, attractions, concessions, tents, trailers, trucks, and similar units.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/10/2016)