[No. 507]

(SB 1167)

AN ACT to amend 1966 PA 225, entitled "An act to provide for the inspection, licensing, and regulation of carnival and amusement rides; to provide for the safety of the public using carnival and amusement rides; to create a carnival- amusement safety board in the department of licensing and regulation; to provide for the disposition of revenues; to make an appropriation; and to provide penalties for violations," by amending section 2 (MCL 408.652), as amended by 1982 PA 35.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

408.652   Definitions.   [M.S.A. 18.484(2)]

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Carnival or amusement ride" means a device which carries or conveys passengers along, around, or over a fixed or restricted route or course for the purpose of giving its passengers amusement, pleasure, thrills, or excitement. Carnival or amusement ride does not include a hobby locomotive operating on narrow gauge tracks less than 24 inches and powered by steam, electricity, gas, or other fuel, whether or not it is operated on the owner's property.

(b) "Department" means the department of consumer and industry services.

(c) "Director" means the director of the department of consumer and industry services.

(d) "Hobby" means an interest or activity that a person pursues without compensation in his or her leisure time.

(e) "Operator" or "owner" means a person who owns or controls or has the duty to control the operation of a carnival or amusement ride and includes the state or any political subdivision of the state.

(f) "Special inspector commission" means an authorization issued annually by the department that requires an operator, owner, or representative of the owner or operator to perform daily inspections of a carnival or amusement ride, to maintain a daily inspection log, and to be present on the premises where the ride is located while the ride is being operated.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
Approved January 7, 1999.
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