

SCS HCS HB 1403 -- AMUSEMENT RIDES

This bill changes the laws regarding amusement rides and amusement parks. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Expands the definition of "amusement ride" to include dry slides over 20 feet tall, bungee cord attractions, and climbing walls over 10 feet tall;

(2) Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to conduct spot inspections of amusement rides without notice whenever the ride is operating and provides for suspension when unsafe conditions are disclosed and reinstatement upon correction and reinspection;

(3) Changes the allocation of collected inspection fees from the General Revenue Fund to the Elevator Safety Fund; and

(4) Makes it a class B misdemeanor to knowingly make false statements or representations in documents required in the laws governing amusement rides.

The bill becomes effective January 1, 2005.