

Subject Amusement park ride operation

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Overview

Lowers the minimum age to operate amusement park rides and to load or unload passengers on rides to 16 years old, if safety requirements are met. Clarifies amusement ride inspection requirements.

Summary

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| 1 | Amusement rides.
Allows minor employees aged 16 and older to operate amusement park rides, or to load and unload passengers, on one ride at a time without an exemption from the commissioner of labor and industry, as currently required. Must be at a fixed amusement park only, such as Valley Fair. Requires compliance with all other child labor and amusement ride laws and rules, adult supervision of minor ride operators, and documentation of injuries or illnesses caused to minor ride operators. |
| 2 | [§ 184B.021] Ride operator requirements.
Requires amusement ride operation training to include: operating and safety procedures, assigned duties, and evacuation plans. Specifies a ride operator may only operate or load and unload passengers on one ride at a time. |
| 3 | Annual inspections.
Changes date for annual inspection of amusement rides that do not operate year round to the earlier of July 1 or before the ride is first operated, whichever is first. |
| 4 | Daily inspections.
Clarifies that daily inspections must comply with ASTM Standards on Amusement Rides and Devices, which govern safety, design, inspection, operation, maintenance, and quality assurance for the amusement ride industry. This includes daily visual inspection and testing of operation, safety devices, and access for amusement rides. |



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