

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 937

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE AND SENATOR KLEINPETER

AMUSEMENT PARKS: Provides relative to revisions of the Amusement Rides Safety Law

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1484.2(A), 1484.3(6), (7), (8), and (14) through (25),  
3 1484.4(A), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (3), (C)(1), and (D), 1484.5(A), (B)(1)  
4 and (3), 1484.6(B) through (E), 1484.8, 1484.9, 1484.11, 1484.13(A), (B)(3) through  
5 (7), (C)(2) and (3), 1484.14(A) and (D), 1484.16(7) and (10), 1484.18, 1484.19(1)  
6 through (3), 1484.20(1) through (4), 1484.22, 1484.23(A) and (B), 1484.24(C),  
7 1484.25(introductory paragraph) and (2), 1484.26, 1484.27, and 1484.28 and to  
8 repeal R.S. 40:1484.3(26) and (27), 1484.6(F), 1484.7, 1484.13(B)(8), 1484.15,  
9 1484.21, and 1484.23(E), relative to the regulation and safety of amusement rides  
10 and devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for registration of amusement  
11 rides; to repeal relative to inflatable amusement devices; to provide for third-party  
12 inspection; to provide for operation; to provide for penalties; to provide for set-up  
13 inspection by the fire marshal; to provide for licensing of inspectors; to provide for  
14 licensing of operators; to provide for firm licensing; to provide for application  
15 procedures; to provide for duties of the state fire marshal; to provide for licensing  
16 fees; to provide for prohibited acts; to provide for cease-and-desist orders; to provide  
17 for insurance requirements; and to provide for related matters.

18 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

19 Section 1. R.S. 40:1484.2(A), 1484.3(6), (7), (8), and (14) through (25), 1484.4(A),  
20 (B)(introductory paragraph) and (3), (C)(1), and (D), 1484.5(A), (B)(1) and (3), 1484.6(B)  
21 through (E), 1484.8, 1484.9, 1484.11, 1484.13(A), (B)(3) through (7), (C)(2) and (3),

1 1484.14(A) and (D), 1484.16(7) and (10), 1484.18, 1484.19(1) through (3), 1484.20(1)  
2 through (4), 1484.22, 1484.23(A) and (B), 1484.24(C), 1484.25(introductory paragraph) and  
3 (2), 1484.26, 1484.27, and 1484.28 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

4 §1484.2. Purpose; administration and enforcement

5 A. The purpose of this Part is to regulate the testing, inspection, and  
6 operation of ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; and amusement  
7 rides, to prohibit the use of such ~~devices~~, attractions; and rides when they have not  
8 been properly registered, have not received a proper and timely certificate of  
9 inspection, and have not received a set-up inspection as provided for in this Part.

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11 §1484.3. Definitions

12 As used in this Part, the following terms have the meanings specified in this  
13 Section except where the context expressly indicates otherwise:

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15 (6) "Audit" means an official inspection of an operator's actions and  
16 documentation as it relates to the coordination of ~~inflatable amusement devices~~,  
17 amusement rides; and amusement attractions at an event ~~and a set-up inspector's~~  
18 ~~actions, documentation, and tagging as it relates to the set-up inspection of inflatable~~  
19 ~~amusement devices, amusement rides, and amusement attractions at an event,~~  
20 including each operator's ~~and set-up inspector's~~ adherence to applicable statutes and  
21 rules.

22 (7) "Certificate of inspection" means a certificate or report prepared by a  
23 third-party inspector pursuant to his inspection which verifies that the ~~inflatable~~  
24 ~~amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride complies with all  
25 applicable adopted laws, rules, standards, and its corresponding manufacturer's  
26 installation manuals, maintenance and service bulletins, and notices.

27 (8) "Certificate of registration" means a certificate issued by the office of  
28 state fire marshal upon receipt of a completed and approved registration application,  
29 current valid insurance as required by this Part, and a certificate of inspection.

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1           (14) "Fixed operation location" means an operating location wherein  
2           ~~amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides are operated for an  
3           indefinite period of time and are not often disassembled and reassembled.

4           ~~(15) "Inflatable amusement device" means any amusement attraction that~~  
5           ~~incorporates a structural and mechanical system that employs a high-strength fabric~~  
6           ~~or film that achieves its strength, shape, and stability by pretensioning with internal~~  
7           ~~air pressure for activities including, but not limited to bouncing, climbing, sliding,~~  
8           ~~or interactive play, which may or may not be enclosed.~~

9           ~~(16)~~ "Inspect" or "inspection" means the thorough physical examination and  
10          functional testing of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or  
11          amusement ride and its component parts necessary to ensure that the ~~device~~,  
12          attraction; or ride complies with all applicable adopted laws, rules, standards, and  
13          corresponding manufacturer's installation manuals, maintenance and service repair  
14          bulletins, or notices.

15          ~~(17)~~ (16) "Investigate" or "investigation" means the thorough physical  
16          examination of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement  
17          ride and its component parts by the office of state fire marshal in response to a  
18          complaint or an accident, which may or may not have resulted in injury or death, to  
19          determine the cause of the accident.

20          ~~(18)~~ (17) "NAARSO" means the National Association of Amusement Ride  
21          Safety Officials.

22          ~~(19)~~ (18) "Operate" means to manage and coordinate an ~~inflatable~~  
23          ~~amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride at an event or a fixed  
24          operation location. The term includes management or coordination which may or  
25          may not be performed by the owner of the ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement  
26          attraction; or amusement ride.

27          ~~(20)~~ (19) "Operator" means a person or firm who may or may not own the  
28          ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides who is  
29          managing, coordinating, or has the duty to control the operation of the ~~inflatable~~

1 ~~amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides at an event or a  
2 fixed operation location.

3 ~~(21)~~ (20) "Owner" means a person or firm, or the agent of a person or firm,  
4 who owns an amusement attraction; or amusement ride, ~~or more than two inflatable~~  
5 ~~amusement devices~~, and at least one of the person's or firm's ~~inflatable amusement~~  
6 ~~devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides is utilized in this state.

7 ~~(22)~~ (21) "Ride operator" means the person or persons responsible for  
8 directly supervising, monitoring, and attending to the ~~inflatable amusement device~~,  
9 amusement attraction; or amusement ride, including but not limited to collecting  
10 tickets or money, ensuring the appropriate number of patrons are boarding and  
11 deboarding a ride, ensuring riders are the appropriate height, latching and securing  
12 passengers, operating a ride, starting and stopping a ride, and monitoring patrons'  
13 activities during a ride's operation to ensure their safety.

14 ~~(23)~~ (22) "Set-up inspection" means a review of all necessary documents,  
15 including service and repair documents, the observation of and examination of the  
16 assembly, set-up, and operation of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement  
17 attraction; or amusement ride, and an inspection of the foundation, blocking, fuel  
18 containers, and mechanical and electrical conditions of such a ~~device, attraction, an~~  
19 attraction or ride.

20 ~~(24)~~ "Set-up inspector" means the person licensed by the office of state fire  
21 marshal to conduct the set-up inspection prior to the opening of an amusement  
22 attraction or prior to the operation of an inflatable amusement device or amusement  
23 ride at each event.

24 ~~(25)~~ (23) "Temporary operation location" means an operating location where  
25 ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides are  
26 operated for a finite period of time not to exceed thirty days.

27 ~~(26)~~ (24) "Testing" means the set-up and activation of an ~~inflatable~~  
28 ~~amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride for the purpose of  
29 analyzing such ~~device, attraction; or ride~~ and its component parts for safety. This  
30 may be done in conjunction with an inspection.



1 §1484.5. Third-party inspection of ~~inflatable amusement devices~~; amusement  
2 attractions; and amusement rides; certificate of inspection required;  
3 cease and desist orders

4 A. Except for the purpose of testing, training, or inspection, no ~~inflatable~~  
5 ~~amusement device~~; amusement attraction; or amusement ride shall be operated in this  
6 state without a current certificate of registration, valid registration plate, and  
7 registration decal issued by the office of state fire marshal.

8 B.(1) Each ~~inflatable amusement device~~; amusement attraction; or  
9 amusement ride shall be inspected by a third-party inspector for safety and subjected  
10 to nondestructive testing, according to the manufacturer's recommendations, if any,  
11 at least annually, in accordance with ASTM-F-24, as promulgated by the state fire  
12 marshal in conformity with the Administrative Procedure Act, and other applicable  
13 standards, regulations, manuals, manufacturers' specifications, service bulletins, and  
14 notices.

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16 (3) If the third-party inspection shows that an ~~inflatable amusement device~~;  
17 amusement attraction; or amusement ride does not comply with all relevant  
18 provisions of this Part and the adopted standards, rules, regulations, ~~and~~ applicable  
19 manuals, service bulletins, and notices, the third-party inspector shall notify and  
20 submit the findings to the state fire marshal within ~~ten~~ five days of the inspection.  
21 The office of state fire marshal shall issue a cease and desist order to the operator or  
22 owner indicating that operation of the ~~inflatable amusement device~~; amusement  
23 attraction; or amusement ride, which does not comply, is to immediately cease in the  
24 state. The state fire marshal shall lift any cease and desist order and issue  
25 registration plates or registration decals, if applicable, for the ~~inflatable amusement~~  
26 ~~devices~~; amusement attractions; or amusement rides only when the deficiencies have  
27 been remedied to the satisfaction of a third-party inspector and proof of satisfaction  
28 is submitted to and approved by the state fire marshal.

1 §1484.6. Operation of amusement rides and amusement attractions; notice; changes  
2 in schedule; certain required annual inspections; fines

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4 B.(1) Any operator who fails to notify the office of state fire marshal at least  
5 five days before commencing operations, or who fails to report any change in  
6 location or devices to the office of state fire marshal at least five days in advance,  
7 shall be fined fifty dollars per ride or attraction, per event.

8 (2) Any operator who ~~gives~~ fails to provide written or electronic notification  
9 to the office of state fire marshal of his intent to commence operation of the  
10 amusement ride or amusement attraction ~~fewer than five days prior to commencing~~  
11 ~~operation~~ shall be fined as follows: two hundred fifty dollars per ride or attraction,  
12 per event.

13 (a) ~~Fifty dollars per ride or attraction for the first offense.~~

14 (b) ~~Seventy-five dollars per ride or attraction for the second offense.~~

15 (c) ~~Two hundred dollars per ride or attraction for the third offense.~~

16 (d) ~~Two hundred fifty dollars per ride or attraction for each additional~~  
17 ~~offense thereafter.~~

18 (2) ~~In determining the number of offenses that have occurred, only offenses~~  
19 ~~occurring over the three-year period preceding the offense at issue shall be~~  
20 ~~considered.~~

21 C. ~~If, after the notification, the operator changes his schedule of locations or~~  
22 ~~dates, he shall immediately notify the office of state fire marshal of the change. An~~  
23 ~~operator shall pay a fine of two hundred fifty dollars for any change in schedule of~~  
24 ~~location or date that occurs less than five days prior to the commencement of~~  
25 ~~operation of the amusement ride or amusement attraction.~~

26 ~~D.~~ Prior to operating any new amusement ride or amusement attraction, the  
27 operator shall notify the office of state fire marshal of his intent to commence  
28 operation, but shall not operate the amusement ride or amusement attraction until the  
29 owner has registered the amusement ride or amusement attraction as required in this  
30 Part.



1           B. ~~The set-up inspection may be conducted by a third-party inspector or an~~  
2           ~~employee of the operator of the inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction,~~  
3           ~~or amusement ride who is specially trained to perform a set-up inspection.~~

4           C. ~~If an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement~~  
5           ~~ride is in compliance pursuant to the findings of a set-up inspection and~~  
6           ~~corresponding adopted rules and regulations, the third-party inspector or set-up~~  
7           ~~inspector shall affix a tag to the inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction,~~  
8           ~~or amusement ride.~~

9           D. ~~If an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement~~  
10          ~~ride is not in compliance pursuant to the findings of a set-up inspection and~~  
11          ~~corresponding adopted rules and regulations, a third-party inspector or set-up~~  
12          ~~inspector the fire marshal shall cease operation of the inflatable amusement device,~~  
13          ~~amusement attraction, or amusement ride and notify the office of state fire marshal~~  
14          ~~within two hours of the determination, and tag it accordingly.~~

15          E. C. The office of state fire marshal shall specifically adopt rules and  
16          regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for enforcement of  
17          this Section.

18          §1484.9. License required to inspect ~~inflatable amusement devices,~~ amusement  
19          attractions; and amusement rides; prohibitions

20          A. A person or firm shall not engage in the testing or inspection of an  
21          ~~inflatable amusement device,~~ amusement attraction; or amusement ride for the  
22          purpose of providing an annual third-party inspection as required by this Part, unless  
23          the person or firm holds a current and valid license issued by the state fire marshal  
24          as provided in this Part.

25          B. No person or firm shall aid, abet, facilitate, or otherwise assist any  
26          unlicensed person or firm in the engagement of any testing or inspecting of an  
27          ~~inflatable amusement device,~~ amusement attraction; or amusement ride when such  
28          person or firm knew or should have known the latter person or firm was unlicensed.

1 C. A person or firm shall not test or inspect an ~~inflatable amusement device,~~  
2 amusement attraction; or amusement ride if such person or firm is also the owner or  
3 operator of the same.

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5 §1484.11. License required to operate ~~inflatable amusement devices,~~ amusement  
6 rides, and amusement attractions; service and repairs by owners;  
7 prohibitions

8 A. A person or firm, not to include a ride operator as defined in this Part,  
9 shall not engage in the operation of an ~~inflatable amusement device,~~ amusement  
10 attraction; or amusement ride unless the person or firm holds a current and valid  
11 license issued by the state fire marshal as provided in this Part.

12 B. No person or firm shall aid, abet, facilitate, or otherwise assist any  
13 unlicensed person or firm in the operation of an ~~inflatable amusement device,~~  
14 amusement attraction; or amusement ride when the person or firm knew or should  
15 have known the latter person or firm was unlicensed.

16 C. The state fire marshal may, by rule, allow the owner of an ~~inflatable~~  
17 ~~amusement device,~~ amusement attraction; or amusement ride, or an employee of the  
18 owner, to perform minor service and repairs of the ~~inflatable amusement device,~~  
19 amusement ride; or amusement attraction. The owner shall document such service  
20 or repair and assume responsibility for all such service or repair.

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22 §1484.13. Application for firm license; third-party inspection firm license;  
23 operating firm license; requirements to maintain; prohibitions;  
24 penalties

25 A. To engage in the third-party inspection or operation of an ~~inflatable~~  
26 ~~amusement device,~~ amusement attraction; or amusement ride, a firm shall apply for  
27 and obtain a license and the respective relevant endorsement for third-party  
28 inspection or operation. The third-party inspection endorsement authorizes the  
29 licensee to conduct any necessary testing.



1 §1484.14. Application for an individual license; requirements to maintain;  
2 prohibitions; penalties

3 A. To engage in the third-party inspection or operation of an ~~inflatable~~  
4 ~~amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride, an individual shall  
5 apply for and obtain a license and the respective relevant endorsement for third-party  
6 inspection or operation. The third-party inspection endorsement authorizes the  
7 licensee to conduct any necessary testing. Each individual license holder shall  
8 maintain his license on his person while engaging in any such activity and present  
9 his license for inspection upon demand of any employee of the office of state fire  
10 marshal, a fire department, or any law enforcement officer.

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12 D. An individual licensed as provided in this Section shall not contract his  
13 services as an independent contractor or agent with any other firm, whether such firm  
14 is engaged in testing, third-party inspection, or operation.

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16 §1484.16. Powers and duties of the state fire marshal

17 The state fire marshal shall:

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19 (7) Conduct inspections and perform audits to ensure compliance with this  
20 Part and investigate at reasonable times, and within reasonable limits and manner,  
21 ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides in any  
22 area where they are assembled, maintained, stored, serviced, or in use. The state fire  
23 marshal or his designee, upon presenting credentials to an owner or operator, is  
24 authorized to act as described in this Paragraph without prior notice.

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26 (10) Investigate all accidents related to an ~~inflatable amusement device~~,  
27 amusement attraction; or amusement ride resulting in injury or death, or as requested  
28 by an operator, customer, patron, rider, or user.

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1 §1484.18. Fees; required renewal; penalties

2 A. ~~The fire marshal is authorized to assess and collect fees as provided in~~  
3 ~~this Part.~~

4 B. ~~Fees for the registration of each inflatable amusement device, amusement~~  
5 ~~attraction, or amusement ride are as follows:~~

6 (1) ~~Initial Registration Fee:~~

7 (a) ~~Inflatable amusement device: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00~~

8 (b) ~~Child or "Kiddie" amusement attraction or amusement ride: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00~~

9 (c) ~~Adult amusement attraction or amusement ride: \_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00~~

10 (2) ~~Annual Renewal Fee:~~

11 (a) ~~Inflatable amusement device: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00~~

12 (b) ~~Child or "Kiddie" amusement attraction or amusement ride: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00~~

13 (c) ~~Adult amusement attraction or amusement ride: \_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00~~

14 C. ~~The licensing fees for a firm are as follows:~~

15 (1) ~~Initial Fee:~~

16 (a) ~~Inspection endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00~~

17 (b) ~~Operation endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00~~

18 (2) ~~Renewal Fee:~~

19 (a) ~~Inspection endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00~~

20 (b) ~~Operation endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00~~

21 D. ~~The licensing fees for an individual's license are as follows:~~

22 (1) ~~Initial Fee:~~

23 (a) ~~Third-party inspector endorsement: \$250.00~~

24 (b) ~~Operator or Owner endorsement: \$250.00~~

25 (c) ~~Set-up inspector endorsement: \$250.00~~

26 (2) ~~Renewal Fee:~~

27 (a) ~~Third-Party inspector endorsement: \$50.00~~

28 (b) ~~Operator or Owner endorsement: \$50.00~~

29 (c) ~~Set-up inspector endorsement: \$50.00~~

1                   Registration and annual renewal of an amusement attraction ride:

2                   (1) Child or "Kiddie" amusement attraction or amusement ride:     \$100.00

3                   (2) Adult amusement attraction or amusement ride:                     \$200.00

4                   B. Third-party inspection or owner operator firm:

5                   (1) Initial Fee:   \$500.00

6                   (2) Renewal Fee:   \$250.00

7                   C. Individual third-party or owner operator:

8                   (1) Initial Fee:   \$350.00

9                   (2) Renewal:   \$200.00

10                  E: D. All licenses are valid for one year, unless a multi-year license is  
11                  created, and shall be renewed by the license holder ~~within the thirty days~~ prior to the  
12                  license expiration date. The state fire marshal may create a prorated fee system to  
13                  allow employee license renewal dates to coincide with the firm license renewal date.

14                  F: E. ~~Any license not renewed within the thirty days prior to its expiration~~  
15                  ~~date is past due for renewal and subject to late fees. The license holder shall pay a~~  
16                  ~~late fee penalty of twenty-five dollars for a license renewed within the first forty-five~~  
17                  ~~days past the license expiration date. The license holder shall pay a late fee penalty~~  
18                  ~~of fifty dollars for a license renewed between forty-six and sixty days past the license~~  
19                  ~~expiration date~~ After a license has expired, the individual or firm to whom the  
20                  license was issued shall have fifteen days following the date of expiration to file an  
21                  application for renewal of the license without the payment of a late fee. Any person  
22                  who makes application for renewal of a license after fifteen days following the  
23                  expiration date of the license shall be charged a late fee of one hundred twenty-five  
24                  dollars.

25                  G: F. ~~The state fire marshal shall suspend a license if the license is not~~  
26                  ~~renewed within sixty days past its expiration date or if the license holder has not~~  
27                  ~~maintained the license. The cost to reinstate a suspended license is the cost of the~~  
28                  ~~respective license holder's initial fee plus twenty dollars.~~



1 (2) Aid and abet an unlicensed operator in the operation of an ~~inflatable~~  
2 ~~amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride.

3 (3) Aid and abet an unlicensed individual or firm in the inspection or testing  
4 of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement ride; or amusement attraction.

5 (4) Certify, test, or inspect an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement  
6 attraction; or amusement ride contrary to the provisions of this Part and adopted  
7 standards, regulations, and applicable manuals, service bulletins, and notices.

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9 §1484.22. Notice of violation of standard; cease and desist order

10 A. If after an inspection, investigation, or audit of any ~~inflatable amusement~~  
11 ~~device~~, amusement ride; or amusement attraction, the office of state fire marshal  
12 determines that the respective ~~device, ride, ride~~ or attraction is in violation of any  
13 standard promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this Part, and that there may be  
14 a substantial probability of death or physical injury to the public from its continued  
15 use, a notice of violation may be given to both the owner and operator of the device,  
16 ride, or attraction, and a red tag shall be attached to the ~~device, ride, ride~~ or  
17 attraction. The attached red tag constitutes a cease and desist order.

18 B. After the red tag is attached, the use of the ~~inflatable amusement device~~,  
19 amusement ride; or amusement attraction is prohibited. The red tag shall not be  
20 removed until the device, ride, or attraction is made safe for public use, in  
21 accordance with R.S. 40:1484.5(B)(3), and the required safeguards are provided.  
22 The tag shall not be removed except by the state fire marshal or his designee.

23 §1484.23. Insurance; bond

24 A. No operator shall operate an amusement attraction or amusement ride  
25 unless the operator has ~~either of the following~~:

26 (1) ~~An~~ a general liability insurance policy in an amount of not less than ~~one~~  
27 ~~million dollars~~ two million dollars listing the state fire marshal as the certificate  
28 holder insuring the operator against liability for injury suffered by persons riding the  
29 amusement attraction or ride.



1 ~~device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride, carnival, or circus as otherwise  
2 provided by law.

3 §1484.27. Waiver of inspection

4 The state fire marshal may waive the requirement that an ~~inflatable~~  
5 ~~amusement device~~, amusement attraction; amusement ride, or any component part  
6 be inspected before being operated in this state if an operator gives satisfactory proof  
7 to the office of state fire marshal that ~~such device~~, the amusement attraction, ride, or  
8 any component part has passed an inspection conducted by a public agency whose  
9 inspection standards and requirements are at least equal to those requirements and  
10 standards established by the state fire marshal pursuant to the provisions of this Part.

11 §1484.28. Rules adopted

12 The state fire marshal shall adopt and issue rules, in accordance with the  
13 provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, establishing standards for the  
14 installation, repair, maintenance, use, operation, ~~and~~ inspection, and  
15 decommissioning of ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; and  
16 amusement rides for the protection of the public. The rules shall be based upon  
17 generally accepted engineering standards and shall be concerned with but not  
18 necessarily limited to engineering force stresses, safety devices, and preventive  
19 maintenance. The rules shall provide for the reporting of accidents and injuries  
20 incurred from the operation of ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions;  
21 or amusement rides.

22 Section 2. R.S. 40:1484.3(26) and (27), 1484.6(F), 1484.7, 1484.13(B)(8), 1484.15,  
23 1484.21, and 1484.23(E) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to revisions of the Amusement Rides Safety Law.

Present law provides that the purpose of the Amusement Rides Safety Law is to regulate the testing, inspection, and operation of inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions, and amusement rides, and to prohibit the use of such devices, attractions, and rides when they have not been properly registered, have not received a proper and timely certificate of inspection and have not received a set-up inspection.

Proposed law retains present law except removes all references to inflatable amusement devices and set-up inspections from the Amusement Rides Safety Law.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law modifies present law definitions to remove references to inflatable amusement devices and removes the definitions for "inflatable amusement device" and "set-up inspector". Proposed law modifies the definition of "third-party inspector" from a person licensed by the fire marshal to test and inspect inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions, and amusement rides to a person licensed by the office of state fire marshal to perform annual testing and inspecting of amusement attractions and amusement rides.

Present law requires the owner of an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride to provide for the initial registration of such device, attraction, or ride. Present law further requires a registration application, a certain certificate of inspection, and a copy of certain general liability insurance to be submitted to the fire marshal. Present law further requires the annual registration renewal of such devices, attractions, and rides.

Proposed law removes all references to inflatable amusement devices from registration requirements but otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires an owner to notify the office of state fire marshal if a plate or decal is lost or damaged. Present law further requires that prior to receiving a new plate or decal, the owner shall return the damaged plate or decal to the office of state fire marshal and pay a \$30 fee.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires an owner to submit an attestation that the plate was lost to the office of state fire marshal.

Present law requires certain third-party inspection of inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions, and amusement rides. Present law further prohibits the operation of such device, attraction, or ride unless a respective certificate of inspection has been provided by a third-party inspector and a certificate of registration has been issued by the fire marshal.

Present law requires a third-party inspector to provide notice, within 10 days, to the fire marshal when an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride does not comply with certain inspection requirements. Present law further provides for the fire marshal to subsequently issue a cease and desist order to a respective operator, and such order shall not be lifted unless deficiencies have been remedied.

Proposed law retains present law except removes all references to the registration of an inflatable amusement device, and decreases the notification time for a third-party inspector to report deficiencies to the fire marshal from 10 days to 5 days.

Present law requires an operator to notify the fire marshal at least five days prior to commencing the operation of an amusement attraction or amusement ride. Present law further assesses a fine per ride or attraction if the operator notifies the fire marshal less than five days prior to commencing operation as follows:

- (1) \$50.00 for the first offense.
- (2) \$75.00 for the second offense.

- (3) \$200.00 for the third offense.
- (4) \$250.00 for each additional offense thereafter.

Present law provides for a \$250.00 fine per ride or attraction if the operator notifies the fire marshal of a change in date or location less than 5 days prior to operation. Present law applies to inflatable amusement devices, except the fine for respective late notices to the fire marshal changes from \$250 to \$200.

Proposed law retains present law in part, except changes the fine schedule to \$50.00 per ride or attraction per event for an operator failing to give notice to the fire marshal at least 5 days in advance of either a change in location or devices or of commencement of the operation; and \$250.00 per ride or attraction per event if the operator fails to notify the fire marshal entirely. Proposed law further removes notice requirement for inflatable amusement devices.

Present law provides for set-up inspections. Present law requires an operator to have a set-up inspection conducted on all inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions, and amusement rides at least once prior to their operation at each event in the state. Present law provides for the set-up inspection to be conducted by a third-party inspector or an employee of the operator specially trained to perform a set-up inspection.

Present law provides that if an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride complies with the requirements of a set-up inspection, the third-party inspector or set-up inspector is required to affix a tag to such device, attraction, or ride. Present law further provides that if such device, attraction, or ride is not in compliance with the requirements of a set-up inspection, the third-party inspector is required to cease operation of such device, attraction, or ride and provide notice to the fire marshal within two hours of the determination of noncompliance, and tag it accordingly.

Proposed law requires an operator to have a set-up inspection conducted by the office of state fire marshal on amusement attractions and amusement rides at least once prior to their operation at each event. Proposed law removes the ability for third-party inspectors to conduct set-up inspections and removes tagging requirements for rides and attractions.

Present law prohibits a person or firm from engaging in the testing and inspection or operation of an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride unless the person or firm holds a current or valid license as provided in present law.

Present law prohibits a person or firm from aiding, abetting, facilitating, or otherwise assisting any unlicensed person or firm in the engagement of testing and inspecting or operating when such person or firm knew or should have known the latter person or firm was unlicensed.

Present law authorizes the fire marshal to adopt administrative rules allowing the owner of an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride, or an employee of the owner to perform minor service and repairs of such device, attraction, or ride. Present law requires the owner to document such service or repair and assume responsibility for all such service or repair.

Proposed law retains present law except that it removes all reference to inflatable amusement devices.

Present law requires a firm or operator applying for a firm license to obtain a license and endorsement to test and inspect or operate an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride. Further requires an applicant for a third-party inspection firm license or an operating firm license to submit a complete application including the names of certain persons, documentation that the firm is an entity duly authorized to conduct

business within this state, certain documentation issued by the secretary of state if the firm is incorporated, regardless of whether such firm is physically located in the state, certain insurance information, and the payment of the required application fee. Further provides insurance documenting general liability coverage in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Proposed law retains present law except that it increases the minimum amount of general liability from \$1,000,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 and removes any reference to inflatable amusement devices.

Present law provides the fire marshal with powers and duties, including to conduct inspections, perform audits, and investigate accidents related to inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions, or amusement rides.

Proposed law retains present law except it removes references to inflatable amusement devices.

Present law requires the attainment of a license and respective endorsement to perform the set-up inspection of an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride. Authorizes employees of the owners or operators of such a device, attraction, or ride to become licensed to perform the set-up inspection.

Proposed law removes license endorsement for set-up inspection.

Present law authorizes the fire marshal to assess and collect certain fees. Fees for the registration of each inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride are as follows:

- (1) Initial Registration Fee:
  - (a) Inflatable amusement device: \$100.00
  - (b) Child or "Kiddie" amusement attraction or amusement ride: \$100.00
  - (c) Adult amusement attraction or amusement ride: \$200.00
- (2) Annual Renewal Fee:
  - (a) Inflatable amusement device: \$100.00
  - (b) Child or "Kiddie" amusement attraction or amusement ride: \$100.00
  - (c) Adult amusement attraction or amusement ride: \$200.00

Present law provides for firm license fees as follows:

- (1) Initial Fee:
  - (a) Inspection endorsement: \$500.00
  - (b) Operation endorsement: \$500.00
- (2) Renewal Fee:
  - (a) Inspection endorsement: \$100.00
  - (b) Operation endorsement: \$100.00

Present law provides licensing fees for an individual's license as follows:

- (1) Initial Fee:
  - (a) Third-party inspector endorsement: \$250.00
  - (b) Operator or Owner endorsement: \$250.00
  - (c) Set-up inspector endorsement: \$250.00
  - (d) Qualifier endorsement: \$1,000.00
- (2) Renewal Fee:
  - (a) Third-Party inspector endorsement: \$50.00
  - (b) Operator or Owner endorsement: \$50.00
  - (c) Setup inspector endorsement: \$50.00
  - (d) Qualifier endorsement: \$100.00

Proposed law removes the authority of the fire marshal to assess and collect fees and removes all fees provided in present law except as follows:

- (1) Registration and annual renewal of an amusement attraction ride:
  - (a) Child or "Kiddie" amusement attraction or amusement ride: \$100.00
  - (b) Adult amusement attraction or amusement ride: \$200.00
- (2) Third-party inspection or owner operator firm:
  - (a) Initial Fee: \$500.00
  - (b) Renewal Fee: \$250.00
- (3) Individual third-party or owner operator:
  - (a) Initial Fee: \$350.00
  - (b) Renewal: \$200.00

Present law provides that licenses are valid for one year, unless a multi-year license is created. Requires a license to be renewed by the license holder within the 30 days prior to the license expiration date. Authorizes the fire marshal to create a prorated fee system to allow employee license renewal dates to coincide with the firm license renewal date.

Proposed law retains present law except that it removes the requirement of a license to be renewed within 30 days prior to the license expiration date.

Present law provides that a license not renewed within the 30 days prior to its expiration date is past due for renewal and subject to late fees. Requires the license holder to pay a late fee penalty of \$25.00 for a license renewed within the first 45 days past the license expiration date. Requires the license holder to pay a late fee penalty of \$50.00 for a license renewed between 46 and 60 days past the license expiration date.

Proposed law requires the individual or firm to file an application for renewal of a license without payment of a late fee, after a license has expired. Provides that a late fee of \$125.00 shall be charged to any person who makes application for renewal of a license after 15 days following expiration.

Present law provides for the fire marshal's suspension of a license if the license is not renewed within 60 days past its expiration date or if the license holder has not maintained the license.

Proposed law removes the authority of the fire marshal to suspend a license.

Present law provides a \$20.00 fee for a duplicate or replacement firm or individual license, regardless of how many endorsements are carried. Present law further provides a cost of \$20.00 to transfer an individual license from one firm to another.

Proposed law increases the fee for a duplicate or replacement license and to transfer an individual license from one firm to another from \$20.00 to \$25.00.

Present law prohibits a person, firm, operator, third-party inspector, or set-up inspector from engaging in certain acts.

Proposed law retains present law except that it removes references to inflatable amusement devices.

Present law provides certain procedures for if an inspection of an inflatable amusement device, amusement ride, or amusement attraction finds that device in violation of standards in present law.

Proposed law retains present law except that it removes reference to inflatable amusement devices.

Present law requires certain insurance or a bond. Present law further prohibits a person from operating an amusement attraction or amusement ride unless the person has either a policy of insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 that provides certain coverage against the operator's liability for injury suffered by persons, or a bond in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, provided the aggregate liability of the surety does not exceed the face amount of the bond.

Proposed law changes the policy limit required from \$1,000,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 and removes the ability to provide a bond in a like amount.

Present law requires the operator of an inflatable amusement device to have not less than \$300,000.00 of liability insurance or a bond in a like amount.

Proposed law removes the insurance or bond requirement for the operation of inflatable amusement devices.

Present law provides exemptions for certain inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions, or amusement rides from present law.

Proposed law removes references to inflatable amusement devices but otherwise retains present law.

Present law authorizes the state fire marshal to waive the requirement for an inflatable amusement device, an amusement attraction, amusement ride, or any respective component part to be inspected prior to operation in this state or respective component part has passed an inspection conducted by a public agency whose inspection standards and requirements are at least equal to the requirements and standards established in present law.

Present law requires the state fire marshal to adopt and issue rules, establishing standards for the installation, repair, maintenance, use, operation, and inspection of inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions, and amusement rides for the protection of the public.

Proposed law retains present law except that it removes reference to inflatable amusement devices and further adds a requirement for the state fire marshal to adopt and issue rules for the decommissioning of amusement attractions and amusement rides for the protection of the public.

(Amends R.S. 40:1484.2(A), 1484.3(6), (7), (8), and (14) through (25), 1484.4(A), (B)(intro. para.) and (3), (C)(1), and (D), 1484.5(A), (B)(1) and (3), 1484.6(B) through (E), 1484.8, 1484.9, 1484.11, 1484.13(A), (B)(3) through (7), (C)(2) and (3), 1484.14(A) and (D), 1484.16(7) and (10), 1484.18, 1484.19(1) through (3), 1484.20(1) through (4), 1484.22, 1484.23(A) and (B), 1484.24(C), 1484.25(intro. para.) and (2), 1484.26, 1484.27, and 1484.28; Repeals R.S.40:1484.3(26) and (27), 1484.6(F), 1484.7, 1484.13(B)(8), 1484.15, 1484.21, and 1484.23(E))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Amend the requirement of operators to notify the fire marshal at least 5 days in advance of the commencement of operations or of any change in location or devices from \$250.00 per ride or attraction per event to \$50.00 per ride or attraction per event, or \$250.00 if no notice whatsoever is given to the fire marshal.
3. Remove fees for set-up inspections at event sites.