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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1169

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An Act relating to labor; amending 40 O.S. 2011, Sections 461 and 462, which relate to amusement rides; modifying definition; authorizing Commissioner of Labor to determine date of inspections; requiring annual registration for certain devices; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 461, is amended to read as follows:

Section 461. As used in Sections 460 through 469 of this title:

1. "Amusement ride" means a device or combination of devices or elements that carry, convey, or direct a person or persons over or through a fixed or restricted course or within a defined area for the primary purpose of amusement or entertainment. Amusement ride includes any amusement park device that uses ~~treated~~ water as the means of transportation, including the structure ~~and water quality~~ of the device. Amusement ride does not include the operation of articles of husbandry incidental to any agricultural operation or

1 the operation of amusement devices of a permanent nature which are
2 subject to building regulations issued by cities or counties and
3 existing applicable safety orders. "Amusement ride" shall be
4 divided into the following four categories:

5 a. "permanent amusement device" means a device which is
6 used, or intended to be used, as an amusement device
7 that is erected to remain a lasting part of the
8 premises,

9 b. "temporary amusement device" means a device which is
10 used as an amusement device that is regularly
11 relocated with or without disassembly,

12 c. "inflatable amusement device" means an inflatable
13 amusement device as defined in Section 472 of this
14 title, and

15 d. "other amusement device" means amusement devices
16 registered with the Department of Labor that have
17 proof of insurance.

18 The Commissioner of Labor may, by administrative regulation,
19 designate other rides and attractions that are not included in the
20 definition of "amusement ride";

21 2. "Operator" or "owner" means a person who owns or controls or
22 has the duty to control the operation of an amusement ride and
23 includes the state and every state agency, and each county, city and
24 all private or public corporations and political subdivisions;

1 3. "Certificate of inspection" means a certificate issued by
2 the Commissioner of Labor which indicates that an inspection of the
3 ride has been performed pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by
4 the Department of Labor; and

5 4. "Permanent amusement park ride" means an amusement ride
6 which is stationary or cannot be easily moved and which is located
7 on the same premises on which it is operated for no less than ninety
8 (90) days.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 462, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 462. A. ~~No person shall operate an amusement ride~~
12 ~~without a certificate of inspection.~~ The Commissioner of Labor
13 shall determine the date and frequency of inspections based on the
14 type of amusement ride. No permanent or temporary amusement device
15 may operate without an initial inspection. On or before ~~March 1 of~~
16 ~~each year~~ a date specified by the Commissioner of Labor, an operator
17 or owner shall apply for a certificate of inspection on a form
18 furnished by the Commissioner of Labor.

19 B. ~~All amusement rides shall be inspected before they are~~
20 ~~originally put into operation for the use of the public, and~~
21 ~~thereafter, at least once each calendar year, unless authorized to~~
22 ~~operate under a temporary certificate. Amusement rides must also be~~
23 ~~inspected each time they are disassembled and reassembled~~ "Other
24 amusement devices" as defined in Section 461 of this title, shall be

1 registered annually with the Department of Labor, and the owner or
2 operator shall provide to the Department of Labor proof of insurance
3 as provided under Section 467 of this title. The Commissioner of
4 Labor may promulgate rules providing for registration of such
5 devices.

6 C. The owner or operator may make application to the
7 Commissioner for less frequent inspections than are required under
8 subsection B of this section. The Commissioner, upon investigation
9 and/or hearing of the matter, may grant a waiver, provided equal
10 public safety is maintained. Such waiver shall provide specific
11 requirements for inspection in lieu of the requirements of
12 subsection B of this section. The Commissioner shall promulgate
13 rules for the determination of a waiver provided such rules place an
14 affirmative responsibility on the owner/operator for the
15 preservation of public safety.

16 D. The Commissioner of Labor may cause the inspection herein
17 provided for to be made by ~~his~~ the Commissioner's safety inspectors
18 or by any qualified amusement ride inspector employed by an
19 insurance company.

20 E. If, after inspection, an amusement ride is found to comply
21 with the rules and regulations of the Commissioner of Labor, the
22 Commissioner of Labor shall issue a certificate of inspection which
23 shall authorize the operator or owner to operate the rides.
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SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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