



[HF 558](#) – Amusement Park Operator Age (LSB1485HV.1)
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Description

[House File 558](#) relates to amusement rides. The Bill provides that an attendant who controls patron restraints or the operation, starting, stopping, or speed of an amusement ride shall be at least 16 years of age. The Bill requires the operator of a carnival or fair to require that a person complete training specified in the Bill prior to beginning work as an attendant. The Bill also defines violations of any order or rule issued by the Labor Commissioner pursuant to this legislation as serious misdemeanors, punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560.

Background

There is currently no minimum age requirement in statute (Iowa Code chapter [88A](#)) for the operation of amusement rides. The Division of Labor within the Iowa Department of Workforce Development (IWD) administers safety inspections of amusement rides. 875 IAC [62.2](#) specifies minimum age requirements for the operation of amusement rides and sets the minimum age at 18 to operate most amusement rides.

Assumptions

The Division of Labor will implement any statutory and rule changes using existing staff and appropriations.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of the Bill cannot be estimated, as the Bill creates a new crime with no historical data. Refer to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Cost Estimates Used for Correctional Impact Statements](#), dated January 22, 2021, for information related to the correctional system.

Minority Impact

A minority impact may not be able to be estimated, as this is a new crime with no historical data. Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Minority Impact Statement](#), dated January 27, 2021, for information related to minorities in the criminal justice system.

Fiscal Impact

The Bill is expected to have no fiscal impact to the IWD. The fiscal impact to the State due to the introduction of a criminal penalty is unknown. The average State cost per offense for a serious misdemeanor ranges from \$410 to \$7,500. The estimated impact to the State General Fund includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the Department of Corrections.

Sources

Legislative Services Agency

Iowa Department of Workforce Development

Iowa Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division, Department of Human Rights

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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