

House File 558 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 92)

(COMPANION TO SF 114 BY NUNN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a minimum age and training requirements for
2 attendants who control amusement rides, and making penalties
3 applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 88A.18 Amusement ride attendants —
2 minimum age — training.

3 1. An attendant who controls patron restraints or the
4 operation, starting, stopping, or speed of an amusement ride
5 shall be at least sixteen years of age.

6 2. An operator shall require that a person complete training
7 as provided in this subsection prior to beginning work as an
8 attendant. The training shall consist of, at minimum, the
9 following topics:

10 a. The operating procedures specific to any amusement ride
11 the attendant will control, including the specific duties
12 applicable to each of the amusement ride's assigned positions.

13 b. The general procedures of the carnival or fair.

14 c. The general safety procedures, and safety procedures
15 specific to any amusement ride the attendant will control, that
16 the attendant must follow in the event of an unusual condition,
17 interruption in operation, injury, emergency, or evacuation.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill provides that an attendant who controls patron
22 restraints or the operation, starting, stopping, or speed of an
23 amusement ride shall be at least 16 years of age.

24 The bill requires the operator of a carnival or fair to
25 require that a person complete training prior to beginning work
26 as an attendant. The bill specifies minimum topics for such
27 training.

28 A person who violates any order or rule issued by the labor
29 commissioner pursuant to state law governing inspection of
30 amusement rides is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A serious
31 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one
32 year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560.