

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under the current Texas Occupations Code there are only two classes of amusement rides. This class system lumps low-risk amusement rides into the same class as roller coasters. Thus, the owners and operators of small rides are forced to acquire and pay for the same high-cost insurance policies as though they operated high-speed or high-risk roller coasters.

H.B. 1070 creates new criteria for certain amusement rides that operate in a manner similar to a train. This criteria would ensure that the ride poses minimal risk. The bill also states the insurance requirements that correspond to these certain types of low-risk amusement rides.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2151.101(a), Occupations Code, to create an exception as provided by Section 2151.1011 to the prohibition against a person operating an amusement ride unless the person meets certain conditions.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 2151, Occupations Code, by adding Section 2151.1011, as follows:

Sec. 2151.1011. LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN AMUSEMENT RIDES.

(a) Provides that this section applies only to certain Class B amusement rides.

(b) Prohibits a person from operating an amusement ride described by Subsection (a) unless the person has one of two specific types of insurance policies with not less than \$1 million in aggregate coverage.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.