

Senate Bill 141

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Kirk of the 13th, Dugan of the 30th, Unterman of the 45th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to carnival ride safety, so as to require the owner of a carnival ride to submit an
3 engineering evaluation with a carnival ride permit application; to provide for applicability;
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 4 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 carnival ride safety, is amended by revising Code Section 25-15-85, relating to permit
9 required and application, as follows:

10 "25-15-85.

11 (a) No carnival ride shall be operated in any calendar year, except for purposes of testing
12 and inspection, until a permit for its operation has been issued by the office. The owner
13 of a carnival ride shall apply for a permit to the office on a form furnished by the office,
14 providing such information as the office may require.

15 (b) Beginning January 1, 2018, no permit for a carnival ride to operate in this state shall
16 be issued by the office until the carnival owner submits an engineering evaluation from a
17 licensed engineer that evaluates the functionality of safety mechanisms and the condition
18 of the critical components of the carnival ride. The scope of such engineering evaluation
19 may be further prescribed by standards and regulations of the office that are consistent with
20 this subsection. Such evaluation shall be provided prior to the annual inspection required
21 by Code Section 25-15-86 and use of the carnival ride by the general public. The
22 submission of such evaluation shall only be required the first time the carnival owner
23 applies for a permit for the carnival ride in this state on or after January 1, 2018."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.