

INDIANA FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

PROPOSAL TO ALLOW USE OF THE AMUSEMENT INDUSTRY MANUFACTURERS & SUPPLIERS INTERNATIONAL (AIMS) AS AN EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATION FOR PURPOSES OF IC 22-15-7-4(b)(2)

The National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO) updated their internal policy that inspectors must work in the amusement ride industry for a period no less than two (2) years to be eligible for certification testing. NAARSO's previous policy only required one (1) year of work in the amusement ride industry until an update in July 2023. This policy change is affecting how soon approximately 15 new hires are eligible to take the exam and earn the required certification, thus delaying how many inspectors can perform amusement ride inspections.

Amusement Industry Manufactures & Suppliers International (AIMS) is an equivalent certification organization and is recognized by NAARSO.

(AIMS) has not changed the inspector eligibility policy and remains at one (1) year. If approved this would allow our inspectors to take the exam this coming new year.

The statute, in relevant part, allows for:

IC 22-15-7-4 Training for inspectors; minimum standards

Sec. 4. (a) The commission shall adopt rules under [IC 4-22-2](#) to define appropriate training for a person who inspects regulated amusement devices.

(b) The rules required under this section must, at a minimum, provide the following:

(1) The adoption by reference of:

(A) ASTM F 698 (1994 edition) ("Specification for Physical Information to be Provided to Amusement Rides and Devices");

(B) ASTM F 770 (1993 edition) ("Practice for Operation Procedures for Amusement Rides and Devices");

(C) ASTM F 846 (1992 edition) ("Guide for Testing Performance of Amusement Rides and Devices");

(D) ASTM F 853 (1993 edition) ("Practice for Maintenance Procedures for Amusement Rides and Devices");

(E) ASTM F 893 (1987 edition) ("Guide for Inspection of Amusement Rides and Devices");

(F) ASTM F 1305 (1994 edition) ("Standard Guides for the Classification of Amusement Ride and Device Related Injuries and Illnesses"); or

(G) any subsequent published editions of the ASTM standards described in clauses (A) through (F).

(2) A requirement that inspectors employed or contracted by the department:

(A) have and maintain at least:

(i) a Level 1 certification from the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials or an equivalent organization approved by the commission; or

(ii) an equivalent certification under a process or system approved by the commission; and

(B) conduct inspections that conform to the rules of the commission.

(3) A requirement that regulated amusement devices be operated and maintained in accordance with the rules of the commission.

(4) The commission's chief inspector or supervisor of regulated amusement device inspectors must have and maintain a Level I certification.

As added by P.L.166-1997, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.141-2003, SEC.22; P.L.1-2006, SEC.404; P.L.68-2009, SEC.6; P.L.187-2021, SEC.124.

An approval of this proposal maintains the status quo that Indiana has currently operated under and does not lessen any requirements for amusement ride inspectors. In effect, adoption of this policy allows Indiana to maintain the standards that it has been operating under prior to the policy change at NAARSO.

Thank you for your consideration,

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