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An Act To Increase the Safety of Amusement Rides

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative NUTTING of Oakland.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and
Representatives: HILLIARD of Belgrade, LAJOIE of Lewiston, THERIAULT of China,
TIMMONS of Cumberland, WARREN of Hallowell.

- 1 B. Pageantry;
- 2 C. Sleight of hand tricks;
- 3 D. A puppet show;
- 4 E. A circus;
- 5 F. A traveling amusement show;
- 6 G. A feat of balancing, wire dancing, personal agility or dexterity; or
- 7 H. A theatrical performance.

8 An exhibition or performance that takes place at a museum is not subject to the
9 requirements of this section.

10 **2. License.** A municipality may grant a license for an exhibition or performance
11 required pursuant to subsection 1.

12 **3. Fine.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a
13 fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 may be adjudged.

14 **§483. Amusements requiring license from the State**

15 **1. License required.** A traveling circus, traveling amusement show or amusement
16 device may not operate or exhibit any parade, show or entertainment in this State without
17 first obtaining a license from the Commissioner of Public Safety. A license application
18 must include:

19 A. The name of the person or corporation using or operating the traveling circus,
20 traveling amusement show or amusement device;

21 B. A statement of the proposed territory within the limits of the State and the names
22 of the cities and towns in which the traveling circus, traveling amusement show or
23 amusement device will operate or exhibit; and

24 C. A certificate of public liability insurance issued by an authorized insurer or
25 approved surplus lines insurer pursuant to Title 24-A or any risk retention group
26 registered in any state pursuant to 15 United States Code, Chapter 65 or through a
27 purchasing group registered in any state pursuant to 15 United States Code, Chapter
28 65.

29 **2. Safety; inspection.** A license under this section is issued on the condition that if
30 the traveling circus, traveling amusement show or amusement device is operated in a
31 manner that is dangerous to the safety of the public, the Commissioner of Public Safety
32 shall suspend the license until the danger is remedied. Breach of any condition in the
33 license is a cause for immediate suspension or revocation of the license by the
34 Commissioner of Public Safety.

35 **3. Fee.** The fee for a license issued pursuant to this section is as follows.

36 A. For carnivals, thrill shows, ice shows, rodeos or similar types of performances
37 that are held indoors or outdoors and have amusement devices, the fee is \$50.

