



Ninety – Sixth Legislature – First Session – 1999
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 95

Chairperson: Senator Floyd P. Vrtiska
Committee: Business and Labor
Date of Hearing: 02/01/99

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes, which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill was prepared to address a major safety concern for the amusement ride industry, rider misconduct. Currently the Nebraska Amusement Ride Act provides for the inspection and regulation of the amusement ride industry. While the act assures that amusement rides are maintained in good condition and safe for public use, the Act does not regulate riders. LB 95 is a bill that amends the Nebraska Amusement Ride Act by requiring amusement ride owners to post safety requirements, locations for first aide and locations for reporting accidents. LB 95 assigns riders the responsibility to follow posted safety regulations or they could be subject to a fine. Riders would be required to report any injuries before leaving the amusement owners property. Any person who fails to obey posted safety and reporting requirements listed on a sign is guilty of a Class V Misdemeanor.

Nothing in LB 95 will alter inspection procedures of the Department of Labor and no rides currently required to be inspected by the Department of Labor are exempted under the provisions of this proposal. It is not intended that it be the responsibility of the Department of Labor to monitor rider conduct.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Stan Schellpeper