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AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to amusement device and attraction awareness

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 870-o of the labor law, as added by chapter 367 of 2 the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

3 870-o. Amusement device and attraction awareness. The department shall develop, establish and implement, in cooperation with the carni-5 val, fair and amusement park safety advisory board established in section eight hundred seventy-n of this article, a program to educate 7 and provide awareness to the public on the risks of amusement devices and attractions to both adults and children, and how adults can take steps to assure their own safety and the safety of children in their 9 care. The program established pursuant to this section shall provide and 10 11 disseminate guidelines for safety while riding or using amusement 12 devices or attractions by adults, adolescents and children. Such program shall utilize written information provided to the public [and] THROUGH 13 14 the posting of conspicuous signs at carnivals, fairs and amusement parks, as required by law or regulation AS WELL AS THROUGH THE CREATION 15 OF A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16 EIGHT SEVENTY-P OF THIS ARTICLE, THE ELECTRONIC ADDRESS OF WHICH SHALL ALSO BE 17 18 POSTED.

19 S 2. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 870-p to read 20 as follows:

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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S 870-P. AMUSEMENT DEVICE AND ATTRACTION SAFETY AND INSPECTION AWARE-NESS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP, ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT, IN COOPER-ATION WITH THE CARNIVAL, FAIR AND AMUSEMENT PARK SAFETY ADVISORY ESTABLISHED INSECTION EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-N OF THIS ARTICLE, A 5 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE TO PROVIDE AWARENESS TO THE PUBLIC OF THE 6 LICENSING AND SAFETY HISTORY OF ANY AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND ATTRACTIONS 7 LICENSED IN THE STATE. SAID WEBSITE SHALL CONTAIN THE DATE OF ANY SAFETY INSPECTIONS, THE DATE OF SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN AMUSEMENT 8 DEVICE, DETAILED CRITERIA USED TO DETERMINE THE APPROVAL OF SAID APPLI-9 10 CATION, A SUMMARY OR THE FULL TEXT OF THE VISITING INSPECTOR'S REPORT, ANY ISSUED FINES OR VIOLATIONS FOR AN AMUSEMENT DEVICE OR ATTRACTION 11 OPERATOR AFTER A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR ITS USE BY THE PUBLIC, DATE 12 AND PROOF OF PAYMENT OR REDRESS OF ANY FINES OR VIOLATIONS, A HISTORY OF 13 14 ANY REPORTED ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES AS REPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT 15 CONNECTION TO THE AMUSEMENT DEVICE OR ATTRACTION, AND THE FULL TEXT OF 16 THE FINDINGS OF ANY INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED OR ORGANIZED BY THE DEPART-MENT IN RELATION TO ANY REPORTED INFRACTION, ACCIDENT OR INJURY. 17 SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE POSTED TO THE WEBSITE WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF ITS 18 19 APPROVAL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the two hundred fortieth day after it shall have become a law, provided, however, that any rule or regulation necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date shall be promulgated on or before such date.