

attraction shall report, in writing or orally, to the Commissioner, within [72] 24 hours [after his notification, of] AFTER the occurrence of any accident, [other than those requiring only minor first aid,] resulting in a serious injury or a fatality incurred during the operation of any such amusement ride or attraction. When a serious physical injury or fatality occurs as a result of the operation of an amusement ride OR ATTRACTION, the operator shall IMMEDIATELY close the ride OR ATTRACTION until it has been inspected BY THE COMMISSIONER. The Commissioner shall inspect the ride OR ATTRACTION within 24 hours after receiving notification of an accident.

78.

(a) [A person may not operate an amusement ride or attraction unless he purchases] AN AMUSEMENT RIDE OR ATTRACTION MAY NOT OPERATE UNLESS THE OWNER OR LESSEE OF SUCH RIDE OR ATTRACTION HAS PURCHASED insurance in an amount of not less than \$300,000 against liability for injury to persons arising out of the use of the amusement ride or attraction.

[(b) The insurance policy shall be procured from any insurer or surety that is acceptable to:

- (1) The Insurance Commissioner of Maryland; and
- (2) Licensed to transact business in the State.]

(B) THE INSURANCE POLICY SHALL BE PROCURED FROM ANY INSURER OR SURETY THAT IS ~~ACCEPTABLE TO~~ GRANTED A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY BY ACCEPTABLE TO THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF MARYLAND.

(C) A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE COMMISSIONER PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION.

80.

(d) Any owner or lessee of an amusement ride or attraction who does not correct a violation for which a citation has been issued within the period permitted for its correction as provided in § [72] 74 of this subtitle is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for each day during which the violation continues.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.