

SESSION OF 2009

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 178**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 178, as amended, would exempt home-owned amusement rides from the Kansas Amusement Ride Act. The bill would define home-owned amusement rides as rides owned by a not-for-profit entity, operated solely within a single county by volunteers for 12 days or less per year.

The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Department of Labor to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations on or before July 1, 2010, to deal with the inspections of amusement rides regulated by the Kansas Amusement Ride Act. Home-owned amusement rides would be exempt from the rules and regulations.

**Background**

Senator Ostmeyer; Brad Schick, Sherman County Community Services; and Kent Reinhardt, Decatur County Amusement Authority and Rush County Amusement Company, testified in support of the bill.

Representatives from: Kansas Farm Bureau, Thomas County Amusement Association, Decatur County Amusement Authority, Sheridan County Amusement Company, Wallace County Amusement Association, Wichita County Amusement Association, and the Tri-County Amusement Association submitted written testimony in support of the bill at the Senate Committee hearing.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Steve Zink, Director, Industrial Safety and Health, Department of Labor, testified as neutral and requested two amendments if the bill was worked.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to strike “consecutive” and to designate rule and regulation authority to the Department of Labor.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to require the Department of Labor to adopt rules and regulations on or before July 1, 2010.

The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs amended the bill to designate certain existing statutes as the Kansas Amusement Ride Act and to authorize amusement rides under those statutes to be subjected to the rules and regulations issued by the Department of Labor. The House Committee also exempted the home-owned rides from those rules and regulations.

According to the fiscal note on the original bill, the Department of Labor indicates that there would be negligible savings with the enactment of SB 178 and that the bill could be implemented within the agency’s existing staff and operating expenditures.