

**HOUSE BILL No. 2389**  
*Amendments to the Kansas amusement ride act*  
**Mary Sabatini**  
**Testimony – Federal and State Affairs**

Honorable Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Mary Sabatini. I am a student at Kansas State University, an intern here at the Capitol, a lover of thrill, and someone who is proud to be from Kansas. I think it is safe to assume that we all want to do what is best for Kansas, and make Kansas the best it can be. Many of us are aware that Kansas has the number two roads in the country (multiple sources, some show us as number two, others within top 10 for conditions – still very impressive). Wouldn't it be great to have some of the safest amusement rides too?

House Bill 2389 adds many inspection, safety, and insurance standards for amusement parks. These were compiled from research on multiple other states' laws and regulations regarding amusement parks. I am proud to say that I was able to help review laws from other states and be a part of something that would make the amusement parks in Kansas safer for everyone.

Some concerns that you may have are the differences made for permanent and temporary rides. Both will be required to obtain a permit, valid one year from issue date, however temporary installments will have a lower fee (page 1, lines 21 and 22). These permits will certify that the ride owner has insurance, manufacturing testing, and employee training among other requirements. One thing that I believe is important is how injuries are reported. Along with patron (and guardian, per age) information, the ride owner must notify the department of injury within 72 hours that the operator becomes aware of the injury.

The definitions of what will constitute an amusement rides and what will not can be found on page 2, Section 4, beginning on line 33 and continuing onto page 3, line 15. A safer, more reliable, definition for who can be considered a qualified inspector can be found on page 4, line 13. You will see that there are many other parts of this bill that will help make Kansas amusement rides safer for those who enjoy them. I was not aware that Kansas did not have regulations regarding amusement rides before becoming involved in the legislative process here, and it had obviously not changed my enjoyment of such rides. However, I can say that I will feel safer in general on all rides and be more willing to enjoy the temporary rides at fairs that I had previously avoided. I would encourage you to support this bill and ensure a safer experience for those visiting amusement parks here in Kansas.

Thank you for this opportunity,  
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