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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Amends "Carnival Amusement Ride Safety Act" to change annual
NJSA 5:3-41 inspection period to January 1-December 31)

Laws of 1977 Chapter 341

Bill No. S1575

Sponsor(s) Merlino

Date Introduced June 28, 1976

Committee: Assembly Commerce, Banking & Insurance; Commerce, Industry
Professions
Senate Labor, Industry & Professions

Amended during passage ~~Yes~~ No

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~No~~

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Senate Yes ~~No~~

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Reports ~~Yes~~ No

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SENATE, No. 1575

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 28, 1976

By Senator MERLINO

Referred to Committee on Labor, Industry and Professions

AN ACT to amend the "Carnival-Amusement Rides Safety Act,"
approved May 29, 1975 (P. L. 1975, c. 105).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 11 of P. L. 1975, c. 105 (C. 5:3-41) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 11. No carnival-amusement ride may be operated without a
4 permit issued by the department. Before commencing operations
5 and in each *calendar* year thereafter, an owner shall apply for a
6 permit to the department on a form furnished by the department
7 and containing such information as the department may require.
8 All carnival-amusement rides shall be inspected before they are
9 originally put into operation for the public's use and thereafter
10 at least once every year, unless authorized to operate on a tempor-
11 ary permit. Annual permits shall be issued for a period commenc-
12 ing **[July 1]** *January 1* and expiring the following **[June 30]**
13 *December 31*. Carnival-amusement rides may also be required to
14 be inspected by the owner, in accordance with standards promul-
15 gated by the department, each time they are disassembled and
16 reassembled.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The "Carnival-Amusement Rides Safety Act," enacted in 1975, provides that amusement rides may not be operated unless they are first inspected, meet State safety requirements and are issued permits. Subsequent annual operating permits are then issued for the period July 1 to June 30.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

This annual permit period, however, has not worked well. Many new rides are first installed in March and April, thus necessitating an initial inspection and permit at that time and a reinspection and reissuance of permits soon thereafter.

This bill would change the annual inspection and permit period from July 1-June 30 to January 1-December 31. Initial permits would be issued for the period remaining in the calendar year.

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SENATE, LABOR, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1575

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JANUARY 25, 1978

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

KATHY FORSYTH

ANNE BURNS

1976-77

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed the following bills into law:

S-104, sponsored by Senator Matthew Feldman, (D-Bergen), which provides a statutory base for a practice already in the regulations of the Department of Treasury.

It amends Title 52 so that the State Treasurer is mandated to auction deposits of State money and invite banks and banking institutions, by public notice, to bid for the deposit of State money.

S-1234, sponsored by Senator Joseph P. Merlino, (D-Mercer), which revises the law regulating the practice of professional engineering and land surveying.

The bill upgrades the qualifications for a licensure of professional engineers, land surveyors, and engineers-in-training by requiring specific curricular and examination.

The option of a 4-year experience substitution for a 4-year education is eliminated to be an engineer-in-training.

The education plus school requirements for being a professional engineer are upgraded. Under this bill, an individual must have graduated from a science curriculum and have six years experience, or have graduated from an engineering course and have 15 years of training to be considered a professional engineer.

For land surveyors, the option of 15 years experience in lieu of educational or exam requirements is eliminated.

Age requirements are also eliminated by the bill.

The legislation restructures the professional engineers examination and redefines the basic areas to be tested. It also revises the provisions delineating the reasons for revocation of licenses.

S-1575, sponsored by Senator Joseph P. Merlino, (D-Mercer), which changes the permit issuing period for carnival-amusement rides by the Department of Labor and Industry from July 1 - June 30 to January 1 - December 31.

The purpose of the bill is to avoid having these rides re-inspected soon after initial inspection. The rides must be inspected before initial use and also prior to reissuance of the permit. Most rides are usually first installed in March and April. This means the first annual inspection usually follows the pre-operation inspection by two or three months.

A-3611, sponsored by Assemblyman Robert E. Littell, (R-Sussex), which ratifies school bond referendums passed in the Hopatcong, Pittsgrove and Lenape Regional School Districts and validates the issuance of the affected bonds notwithstanding the fact that the absentee ballots were not published in accordance with the 1977 revisions of the Absentee Voting Law.

An outdated form of election notice was used in these three school districts, although absentee ballots were available and issued. The bill would not nullify any pending litigation or litigation commenced within 30 days of the enactment of the measure.

A-3612, sponsored by Assemblyman Walter Rand, (D-Camden), which validates the bond issue issued by Camden County for the \$25 million Hall of Justice in Camden City, despite county officials' failure to file the supplemental debt statement in time.

The bill would not nullify any pending litigation or litigation commenced within 30 days of the enactment of the measure.

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