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184B.01 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. Scope. For the purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. Amusement ride. "Amusement ride" means a mechanical device that carries or conveys passengers along, around, or over a fixed or restricted route or course for the purpose of giving its passengers amusement, pleasure, thrills, or excitement.

"Amusement ride" does not include:

(1) a coin-operated ride that is manually, mechanically, or electrically operated and customarily placed in a public location and that does not normally require the supervision or services of an operator; or

(2) nonmechanized playground equipment, including but not limited to swings, seesaws, stationary spring-mounted animal features, rider-propelled merry-go-rounds, climbers, playground slides, trampolines, and physical fitness devices.

Subd. 2a. Certified amusement ride inspector. "Certified amusement ride inspector" means an individual who holds one or more of the following current certifications:

(1) a Level II Amusement Ride and Device Inspector certification issued by the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO);

(2) a Level III Amusement Ride and Device Inspector certification issued by the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO);

(3) a Level II Certified Maintenance Technician certification issued by the Amusement Industry Manufacturers and Suppliers (AIMS) International;

(4) a Level III Certified Maintenance Professional certification issued by the Amusement Industry Manufacturers and Suppliers (AIMS) International;

(5) a Level II Certified Operations Technician certification issued by the Amusement Industry Manufacturers and Suppliers (AIMS) International; or

(6) a Level III Certified Operations Professional certification issued by the Amusement Industry Manufacturers and Suppliers (AIMS) International.

Subd. 3. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of labor and industry.

Subd. 4. **Operator.** "Operator" means the individual having direct control of the starting, stopping, or speed control of an amusement ride.

Subd. 5. **Owner.** "Owner" means a person who owns, leases, or manages the operation of an amusement ride.

Subd. 6. **Rider.** (a) "Rider" means an individual who is in the immediate vicinity of an amusement ride, including an individual:

(1) waiting in the immediate vicinity of an amusement ride;

(2) getting on an amusement ride;

(3) on an amusement ride before, during, and after its operation;

(4) getting off an amusement ride; or

(5) leaving or approaching an amusement ride and in its immediate vicinity.

(b) "Rider" does not include:

(1) any operator while operating the amusement ride or any employees, agents, or servants of an operator while engaged in the duties of employment; or

(2) any owner or any employees, agents, or servants of an owner while engaged in the duties of employment.

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