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SUMMARY

- Reclassifies the various types of amusement rides for purposes of determining each ride's annual inspection and reinspection fee.
- Accordingly, alters the inspection and reinspection fees for amusement rides according to their new classification.
- Decreases the annual permit fee for an inflatable ride by \$125.
- Creates a formula to calculate the inspection and reinspection fee for an inflatable ride based on the number of rides that are inspected at the same time at the same location and owned by the same owner instead of a flat \$104 fee per inflatable ride.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Amusement ride reclassification and fees

The bill alters the annual inspection and reinspection fees for amusement rides. It does so by changing the current ride classifications and adjusting the corresponding inspection and reinspection fees. Under current law, amusement rides are classified according to an amusement ride's features, and the annual inspection and reinspection per ride fee is based on the ride's classification. While the permit fee for each noninflatable amusement ride classification remains unchanged at \$225 per ride, the classifications and associated inspection fees are altered as follows:¹

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Agriculture Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 993.04(E)(1).

Noninflatable amusement ride classifications and fees			
Current law classification	Current law amusement ride fee (per ride)	H.B. 433 classification	H.B. 433 amusement ride fee (per ride)
Kiddie rides	\$100	Kiddie rides	\$100
Go karts	\$5	Go karts	\$5
Other rides	\$160	<i>Eliminated by bill</i>	-----
Aerial lifts or bungee jumping facilities	\$450	<i>Eliminated by bill</i>	-----
Roller coaster	\$1,200	Family/portable roller coasters	\$1,200
<i>Not in current law</i>	-----	Family rides	\$200
<i>Not in current law</i>	-----	Major rides	\$300
<i>Not in current law</i>	-----	Spectacular rides	\$400
<i>Not in current law</i>	-----	Tower rides	\$1,800
<i>Not in current law</i>	-----	Large roller coasters	\$4,000

The Director of Agriculture (ODA Director) must adopt rules to define each classification of amusement rides for purposes of determining the inspection and reinspection fees.²

Inflatable rides

The bill decreases the annual permit fee for an inflatable ride by \$125 and creates a formula to calculate the inspection and reinspection fee for an inflatable ride instead of a flat \$104 fee per inflatable ride.

Permit fee

Under current law, a permit for any amusement ride, including inflatable rides, is \$225. The bill retains the amusement ride permit fee for noninflatable rides, but reduces the permit fee for inflatable rides to \$100 per inflatable (a decrease of \$125 per inflatable). Additionally, under current law, if the ODA Director issues a permit for an inflatable ride that is valid less than one year, the Director must charge a prorated fee for the permit equal to $\frac{1}{12}$ of the annual permit

² R.C. 993.04(E)(4), conforming change in R.C. 993.01(T).

fee multiplied by the number of full months for which the permit is issued. The bill eliminates this prorated permit fee requirement.³

Inspection and reinspection fees

The bill also alters the way an inflatable ride inspection and reinspection fee is calculated. Under current law, the ODA Director must adopt rules establishing an annual fee that is less than \$105 for an inspection and reinspection of an inflatable ride. The ODA Director must ensure that the fee reasonably reflects the costs of inspection and reinspection. Currently, the inspection and reinspection fee for each inflatable ride is \$104.⁴

The bill, instead, creates a new fee structure for inflatable rides as follows:⁵

Inflatable ride inspection and reinspection fees under H.B. 433	
Number of inflatable rides that are inspected at the same time at the same location and that are owned by the same owner	Fee per inflatable ride
Three or fewer	\$100
Four to ten	\$75
11 or more	\$50

The Director must adopt rules to define “inflatable ride” for purposes of determining the inspection and reinspection fees.⁶

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	09-03-25
Reported, H. Agriculture	-----

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³ R.C. 993.04(E)(1).

⁴ Ohio Administrative Code 901:9-1-01(D)(1)(c)(i).

⁵ R.C. 993.04(E)(1).

⁶ R.C. 993.04(E)(4), conforming change in R.C. 993.01(T).