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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael A. Costello

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act creating an amusements and attractions board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael A. Costello	*1st Essex*

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By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 644) of Michael A. Costello relative to creating an amusements and attractions board. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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An Act creating an amusements and attractions board.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 205A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

There shall be in the department, under the control of the commissioner of public safety,

an amusements and attractions board. This board shall consist of the commissioner or a member

of the department designated by the commissioner, and ten persons appointed

by the governor for terms of four years, of whom two shall be mechanical engineers licensed by Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, two shall be persons who each own or operate an amusement park, two shall be persons who each own or operate a carnival or mobile show, one shall be a person who owns or operates a fair or fairgrounds, one shall be a person who owns or operates a waterpark or a family entertainment center, one shall be a person engaged in a business generally related to amusements and attractions business, and one a representative of the public. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the terms of the initial six gubernatorial appointees shall be as follows: two appointees for a two-year term; two appointees for a three-year term; and, two appointees for a four-year term.

The commissioner of public safety shall provide the board with such clerical and other assistance

and inspectional personnel as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the board.

After a hearing, the board shall adopt, and may from time to time amend or revoke, rules and regulations in conformance with the standards and guidelines of ASTM for the inspection,

assembly, erection, installation, design, construction, major modification, operation, and maintenance of amusement rides and amusement devices and for the licensing and certification of inspectors thereof.