

**Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1227

Bill #: HB 257 GA

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Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to amusement rides and attractions.
Conduct guidelines for patrons of amusement rides and attractions.

Sponsor: Representative Michael L. Meredith

Unit of Government: City County Urban-County
Unified Local
 Charter County Consolidated Local Government

Office(s) Impacted: Jails

Requirement: Mandatory Optional

Effect on
Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 257 GA creates a new section of KRS 247.232 to 247.236 to set forth rider conduct and responsibilities for patrons of amusement rides or attractions.

All patrons of amusement rides or attractions are required to obey all posted warning, instructional, and directional signage pertaining to the amusement ride or attraction. Likewise, they must obey all verbal instructions of the operators. Riders shall also refrain from the dangerous and prohibited activities outlined in HB 257 GA.

An owner of an amusement ride or attraction is required to conspicuously display the penalties for violations of the above requirements.

Patrons who fail to adhere to the above-referenced criteria, shall, upon request of the owner of the amusement ride or attraction, leave the premises without a refund of admission

charges or entrance fees. Any person who fails to comply with a request to leave shall be guilty of criminal trespass in the second degree, a Class B misdemeanor.

Class B misdemeanors:

A person convicted of a Class B misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to 90 days. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 76 full service jails or four life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average of \$31.34 per day.

The overall fiscal impact is not determinable, however any impact is expected to be minimal.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

The LM statement to HB 257 GA is the same as the LM statement to HB 257 as introduced. No substitutes or amendments were adopted when the bill passed the House.

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