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S.B. No. 1181

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the employment of certain persons by amusement parks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 2151, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2151. REGULATION OF AMUSEMENT RIDES AND AMUSEMENT PARKS

SECTION 2. Section 2151.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (7) to read as follows:

(7) "Amusement park" means a temporary or permanent indoor or outdoor facility or park where amusement rides are available for use by the public. The term does not include any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.

SECTION 3. Chapter 2151, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. AMUSEMENT PARK REGULATION

Sec. 2151.201. PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENSES. An owner or operator of an amusement park may not employ in an amusement park a person who has been convicted of, entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or received deferred adjudication for a sexual offense as defined by Chapter 21, Penal Code.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.