

Stateside reached out to LARA with the following claims from interviews with Corri Sandwick and Rep. Albert. The claims are in bold. LARA's responses are in italics.

Safety procedures referenced in Michigan's Carnival Amusement Safety Act are not inspected or enforced by LARA.

LARA administers the Carnival-Amusement Safety Act of 1966, 1966 PA 225, ensures the issuing of permits and performing inspections of carnival and amusement rides. LARA inspects more than 900 amusement rides annually; however, operators of carnival and amusement rides are required to conduct daily inspections before operation according to manufacturer criteria, national standards, and state law.

LARA is limited in the actions it can take against amusement parks because it issues permits instead of licenses.

*The Carnival-Amusement Safety Act of 1966, 1966 PA 225, provides for the permitting and inspection of carnival and amusement **rides**. The act does not require the operators of amusement parks to be licensed. The statute limits LARA's (BCC) role to rulemaking (section 6), issuing permits (section 11), and performing inspections (section 10). BCC statutorily can only shut down a ride if an inspector is unable to inspect it or if the ride is hazardous or unsafe. BCC cannot act outside of its statutory authority. Therefore, BCC will continue to work with local governments and officials to assist us with statutory enforcement and compliance based upon authority and resources.*

Revenue generated from permits is not enough to cover an inspector's salary to look at safety standards.

Administration of the act is currently not self-sustaining, but rather subsidized from other areas. Revenue generated from permits and inspections is insufficient for the administration of that act. However, despite the program's historical lack of revenue and statutory authority, BCC remains committed to assuring the safety of the riding public.

LARA would not support any legislation that does not come with increased permitting fees.

Due to the program being subsidized by other areas, LARA would not recommend support of any legislation without sufficient revenue being generated by permits and inspections of the rides. The Governor's Office decides whether to support or oppose legislation.