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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AMUSEMENT PARKS, GAMING AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITH VIDEO GAMES AND ARCADE GAMES, FAIRS OR CARNIVALS, AND PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS TO RESUME OPERATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding Executive Order No. 141, Easing Restrictions on Travel, Business Operations, and Mass Gatherings: Phase Two, issued by Governor Roy A. Cooper on May 20, 2020, any establishment that is an (i) amusement park or (ii) gaming and business establishment with video games and arcade games, or (iii) any fair or carnival, which is a member of the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs, as referenced in Section 8 of Executive Order No. 141, may open and resume operations provided all of the following apply:

- (1) The establishment was in existence on March 10, 2020, or had a valid certificate of occupancy and business license issued by that date.
- (2) Total capacity is limited to fifty percent (50%) of the authorized fire capacity.
- (3) All employees answer a health questionnaire and have their temperature taken daily prior to working. Any employee showing symptoms or with a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher shall not be allowed to enter the establishment.
- (4) All employees wear face masks. All visitors are strongly encouraged to wear face masks.
- (5) Contactless check-in is available. Markings are on the ground to denote proper social distancing of at least 6 feet in the check-in area.
- (6) Sanitation spray bottles with disinfectant or disinfectant wipes that are EPA-approved for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) are available throughout the establishment.
- (7) Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the establishment. All hand sanitizer is comprised of at least sixty percent (60%) alcohol.
- (8) Employees conduct frequent routine cleanings of high-touch equipment and high-use areas while the establishment is open and conduct a deep clean of the entire establishment after the close of business every day. For establishments that are open 24 hours a day, a deep clean of the entire establishment must occur at least once every 24 hours. Disinfectants that are EPA-approved for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) are used for all cleanings.
- (9) The following practices must be maintained:



- 1 a. Equipment is used in a manner to ensure social distancing of at least 6
- 2 feet.
- 3 b. Signage directs foot traffic for social distancing.
- 4 c. Employees monitor for social distancing and to ensure that equipment
- 5 is being cleaned with disinfectant or disinfectant wipes.
- 6 (10) Signage is posted to remind employees, members, and visitors of the social
- 7 distancing and sanitation requirements in place.

8 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires when  
9 Executive Order No. 141, issued on May 20, 2020, is repealed, replaced, or rescinded.

10 **SECTION 2.(a)** Notwithstanding Executive Order No. 141, Easing Restrictions on  
11 Travel, Business Operations, and Mass Gatherings: Phase Two, issued by Governor Roy A.  
12 Cooper on May 20, 2020, any public playground, as referenced in Section 7 of Executive Order  
13 No. 141, may open and resume operations provided all of the following apply:

- 14 (1) The playground was in existence on March 10, 2020, or had a valid certificate
- 15 of occupancy or business license issued by that date.
- 16 (2) Total capacity is limited to fifty percent (50%) of the authorized fire capacity.
- 17 (3) All visitors are strongly encouraged to wear face masks.
- 18 (4) A cleaning of playground equipment must occur every 24 hours by the entity
- 19 responsible for its maintenance. Disinfectants that are EPA-approved for
- 20 SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) shall be used for all
- 21 cleanings.
- 22 (5) Equipment is used in a manner to ensure social distancing of at least 6 feet.
- 23 (6) Signage is posted to remind visitors of the social distancing and sanitation
- 24 requirements in place.
- 25 (7) The playground shall maintain the social distancing requirements
- 26 recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and
- 27 the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

28 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires when  
29 Executive Order No. 141, issued on May 20, 2020, is repealed, replaced, or rescinded.

30 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.