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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 712 and 713

insert:

Section 20. Section 768.094, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

768.094 Roller skating rinks; operator and roller skater responsibilities.—

(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds that the recreational sport of roller skating is practiced by a



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11 large number of citizens in this state and is a wholesome and
12 healthy family activity. The Legislature further finds that
13 owners of roller skating rinks have great difficulty in
14 obtaining liability insurance coverage at an affordable cost and
15 that the lack of affordable insurance coverage affects not only
16 the owners, but also patrons who may suffer personal injury as a
17 result of accidents that occur on the premises of a roller
18 skating rink. In order to make it more economically feasible for
19 insurance companies to provide affordable coverage to owners,
20 this section establishes standards to provide more
21 predictability in liability to the owners of rinks and that
22 encourage risk reduction techniques.

23 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

24 (a) "Operator" means a person or an entity that owns,
25 manages, controls, directs, or has operational responsibility
26 for a roller skating rink.

27 (b) "Roller skater" means a person wearing roller skates
28 while in a roller skating rink for the purpose of recreational
29 or competitive roller skating. The term includes an individual
30 in a roller skating rink who is an invitee, regardless of
31 whether the person pays consideration.

32 (c) "Roller skating rink" means a building, a facility, or
33 a premises that provides an area specifically designed to be
34 used by the public for recreational or competitive roller
35 skating.

36 (d) "Spectator" means a person who is present in a roller
37 skating rink only for the purpose of observing recreational or
38 competitive roller skating.

39 (3) OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES.—An operator shall:



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40 (a) Comply with all current roller skating rink safety
41 standards published by the Roller Skating Association
42 International to the extent such standards are consistent with
43 this section.

44 (b) Post the duties of roller skaters and spectators and
45 the duties and obligations of the operator, as prescribed in
46 this section, in at least three conspicuous locations in the
47 roller skating rink.

48 (c) Maintain the stability and legibility of all signs,
49 symbols, and posted notices required by this section.

50 (d) When the skating rink is open for skating sessions,
51 have as least one floor supervisor on duty for every 200 roller
52 skaters.

53 (e) Maintain the skating surface in a reasonably safe
54 condition, and clean and inspect the skating surface before each
55 skating session.

56 (f) Maintain in good condition the railings, kickboards,
57 and walls surrounding the skating surface.

58 (g) In rinks with step-up or step-down skating surfaces,
59 ensure that the covering on the riser is securely fastened.

60 (h) Install fire extinguishers and inspect them at
61 recommended intervals.

62 (i) Inspect emergency lighting units at least quarterly to
63 ensure that they are in proper working order.

64 (j) Keep exit lights and lights in service areas on when
65 skating surface lights are turned off during a skating session.

66 (k) Maintain in good mechanical condition roller skating
67 equipment that the operator leases or rents to roller skaters.

68 (l) Comply with all applicable state and local safety



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69 codes.

70 (4) ROLLER SKATER RESPONSIBILITIES.—A roller skater shall:

71 (a) Maintain reasonable control of his or her speed and the
72 course at all times.

73 (b) Heed all posted signs and warnings.

74 (c) Maintain a proper outlook to avoid other roller skaters
75 and objects.

76 (d) Accept the responsibility for knowing the range of his
77 or her own ability to negotiate the intended direction of travel
78 while on roller skates and to skate within the limits of that
79 ability.

80 (e) Refrain from acting in a manner that may cause or
81 contribute to the injury of the roller skater or any other
82 person.

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84 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

85 And the title is amended as follows:

86 Delete line 87

87 and insert:

88 may be initially issued; creating s. 768.094, F.S.;

89 providing legislative findings and intent; defining

90 terms; specifying responsibilities of operators of

91 roller skating rinks and of roller skaters; amending

92 s. 921.0022, F.S.;