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An act relating to location of equipment owned by amusement business owner; prohibiting counties and municipalities from enacting certain policies, ordinances, regulations, or other measures that require payment from an amusement business owner for the placement, parking, or storage of equipment for longer than a specified length of time on certain agricultural lands; providing definitions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a county or municipality may not enact any policy, ordinance, regulation, or other measure that addresses agricultural lands 5 acres or larger if such policy, ordinance, regulation, or other measure requires a monetary exaction from any amusement business owner whose equipment is placed, parked, or stored on the agricultural land for 6 months or longer. This prohibition applies only if the agricultural land is fully fenced along the perimeter and the equipment that is placed, parked, or stored on the agricultural land is at least 100 feet from the perimeter fencing.

(2) For purposes of this section, the term:

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- (b) "amusement business owner" means a provider of services affiliated with a circus or carnival such as rides, food, beverages, and games who travels around the United States on a seasonal or temporary basis to provide such services to state, district, and county fairs as defined in s. 616.001, or who supports events sponsored by not-for-profit organizations for fundraising.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.