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TO: All Carnival Ride Owners in the State of Georgia

FROM: Ralph T. Hudgens, Insurance & Safety Fire Commissioner

DATE: February 6, 2018

RE: Engineering Evaluations of Carnival Rides with Permits issued on or after January 1, 2018

According to O.C.G.A. Section 25-15-85(b), "[b]eginning January 1, 2018, no permit for a carnival ride to operate in this state shall be issued by the office until the carnival owner submits an engineering evaluation..." Additionally, "[t]he submission of such evaluation shall only be required the first time the carnival owner applies for a permit for the carnival ride in this state on or after January 1, 2018." This office has received inquiries from persons asking whether this engineering evaluation requirement must be completed on an annual basis.

The purpose of this Bulletin is to clarify that the evaluation requirement is only applicable one time per carnival ride permit – the first time the carnival owner applies for a permit for the carnival ride in this state on or after January 1, 2018. Moreover, the one-time evaluation must be completed within the 12 months preceding the submission of the application for a permit. (See Rule 120-3-28-.05(7)) Finally, it should be noted that the new requirement is not applicable to carnival rides with permits obtained in this state prior to January 1, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this Bulletin, please contact the Amusement/Carnival Ride Supervisor Butch Lynch by email at blynch@sfm.ga.gov.

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