HOUSE BILL NO. 676

1   AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL AMUSEMENT RIDE OPERATORS AT THE
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR TO PASS A DRUG TEST BEFORE THE OPENING DATE
3 OF THE FAIR; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI FAIR COMMISSION TO ADOPT
4 RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DRUG TESTING OF AMUSEMENT RIDE
5 OPERATORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7   **SECTION 1.** (1) As a condition of being employed to operate

8 any amusement ride at the Mississippi State Fair, the Mississippi

9 Fair Commission shall require each person who is to operate an

10 amusement ride at the fair to submit to and pass a drug test

11 administered no less than five (5) days before the opening date of

12 the fair.

13   (2) The State Fair Commission shall adopt rules and

14 regulations governing the drug testing of amusement ride

15 operators. As an alternative to drug testing by the commission,

16 the rules and regulations may authorize the owner or manager of

17 the amusement rides to submit documentation to the commission

18 verifying that drug testing has been conducted not less than five

19 (5) days before the opening date of the state fair on each person

20 employed to operate an amusement ride. The documentation must

21 include the name of each ride operator, a description of the type

22 of drug test administered to that person, the date of the drug

23 test and the test results.

24   (3) The cost of a drug test required under this section must

25 be paid by the person who is being tested or the owner or manager

26 of the amusement rides; however, the State Fair Commission, in its

27 discretion, may elect to pay for the cost of the drug test on

28 behalf of any amusement ride operator.

29   **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new

30 section in Article 1, Chapter 5, Title 69, Mississippi Code of

31 1972.

32   **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

33 and after July 1, 2018.

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PAGE 2 (RKM\AM)   amusement ride operators to pass drug test.