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## **HOUSE BILL 258**

## Committee Substitute Favorable 3/13/19 **Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 3/27/19 Committee Substitute #3 Favorable 5/6/19** PROPOSED SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H258-PCS40676-BB-36

Short Title: Open Amusement Parks/Arcades/Venues. (Public) Sponsors: Referred to: March 5, 2019 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AMUSEMENT PARKS, GAMING AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITH VIDEO GAMES AND ARCADE GAMES, AND VENUES FOR RECEPTIONS OR PARTIES TO RESUME OPERATIONS. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding any declaration of emergency issued under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the General Statutes or any municipal or county ordinance adopted under that Article related to the public health emergency created by COVID-19, any establishment that is an (i) amusement park or (ii) gaming and business establishment with video games and arcade games, as referenced in Section 8 of Executive Order No. 141, Easing Restrictions on Travel, Business Operations, and Mass Gatherings: Phase Two, issued on May 20, 2020, may open and resume operations provided all of the following apply: The establishment was in existence on March 10, 2020, or had a valid (1)

- certificate of occupancy and business license issued by that date.
  - Total capacity is limited to fifty percent (50%) of the authorized fire capacity. (2)Employees are excluded from the total capacity.
    - All employees answer a health questionnaire and have their temperature taken (3) 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.
  - All employees wear face masks. All visitors are strongly encouraged to wear (4) face masks.
  - Contactless check-in is available. Markings are on the ground to denote proper (5) social distancing of at least 6 feet in the check-in area.
- Sanitation spray bottles with disinfectant or disinfectant wipes that are (6) EPA-approved for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) are available throughout the establishment.
  - Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the establishment. All hand (7)sanitizer is comprised of at least sixty percent (60%) alcohol.
- 30 (8) Employees conduct frequent routine cleanings of high-touch equipment and 31 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 32 33 that are open 24 hours a day, a deep clean of the entire establishment must



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(9)	occur at least once every 24 hours. Disinfectants that a SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) are used. The following practices must be maintained:	
(9)	a. Equipment is used in a manner to ensure social d	istancing of at least 6
	feet.	
	b. Signage directs foot traffic for social distancing.	
	c. Employees monitor for social distancing and to e	
(10)	is being cleaned with disinfectant or disinfectant	1
(10)	Signage is posted to remind employees, members, and	visitors of the social
<b>GEOT</b>	distancing and sanitation requirements in place.	1 ' 1
	<b>TON 1.(b)</b> This section is effective when it becomes law a	
applicable declaration of emergency prohibitions and restrictions expire or are otherwise terminated to permit amusement parks and gaming and business establishments with video games		
		ents with video games
-	to open for full unrestricted operations.	
	<b>TION 2.</b> Notwithstanding Sections 1 and 4 of this act, the	-
	f the majority of the Council of State, exercise po	0
	(b) or (c) related to amusement parks, gaming and busines	
	arcade games, and venues for receptions or parties. In obt	
of a majority of the Council of State for this purpose, the Governor shall contact each member of the Council of State regarding the potential everying of the emergency powers under		
the Council of State regarding the potential exercise of the emergency powers under $C = 1664$ 10.20(h) or (a) and scale the concurrence or nonconcurrence of that member. The		
G.S. 166A-19.30(b) or (c) and seek the concurrence or nonconcurrence of that member. The		
Governor shall document and release the concurrence, nonconcurrence, or no response provided		
by each member of the Council of State by name. Upon receiving and releasing the majority concurrence, the Governor may exercise the power or powers under G.S. 166A-19.30(b) or (c)		
as described to the members of the Council of State.		
<b>SECTION 3.</b> Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 130A-20, the Secretary of		
Health and Human Services or the Secretary of Environmental Quality may only order a		
	nminent hazard related to COVID-19 that requires closure	
	ness establishments with video games and arcade gar	
	ies upon notification to the Governor and with a concurrent	
	ate. In obtaining a concurrence of a majority of the Cou	
	mber of the Council of State shall be contacted regarding	
of the powers under G.S. 130A-20 and seek the concurrence or nonconcurrence of that member		
Each response sh	all be documented and released with respect to concurrent	nce, nonconcurrence,
or no response pr	ovided by each member of the Council of State by name	. Upon receiving and
	ority concurrence, the appropriate Secretary may exerc	
	described to the members of the Council of State.	
SECT	TON 4.(a) Notwithstanding any declaration of emergency	issued under Article
1A of Chapter 16	6A of the General Statutes or any municipal or county ord	inance adopted under
that Article relat	ed to the public health emergency created by COVID	-19, any venues for
receptions or part	ies, as referenced in Section 8 of Executive Order No. 141	, Easing Restrictions
on Travel, Business Operations, and Mass Gatherings: Phase Two, issued on May 20, 2020, may		
open and resume	operations provided all of the following apply:	
(1)	The establishment was in existence on March 10, 2020	
	and permitted, and holds all necessary State and loca	l regulatory permits,
	including, if applicable, any necessary ABC permits.	
(2)	Total capacity is limited to fifty percent (50%) of the aut	1
	12 people per 1,000 square feet, or 300 people, whichev	
(3)	All employees shall have their temperature taken daily p	rior to working. Any
	employee showing symptoms or with a fever of 100.4 c higher shall not be allowed to enter the establishment.	legrees Fahrenheit or

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	(4)	All guests shall have their temperature taken by thermal temple thermometers.	
)		Any guest with a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher shall not be	
		permitted entry.	
Ļ	(5)	All employees shall wear face masks and gloves. All guests are strongly	
		encouraged to wear face masks.	
	(6)	Food and beverage service shall not include self-service or buffet options.	
	(7)	Hand sanitizer stations shall be available throughout the establishment. All	
		hand sanitizer is comprised of at least sixty percent (60%) alcohol.	
	(8)	The establishment shall maintain and enforce the social distancing	
		requirements recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and	
		Prevention and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.	
	(9)	The establishment shall comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by	
		the Division of Public Health of the North Carolina Department of Health and	
		Human Services applicable to restaurants.	
	(10)	Employees shall conduct frequent routine cleanings of high-touch 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. Disinfectants that	
		are EPA-approved for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) are	
		used for all cleanings.	
	(11)	Signage shall be posted to remind employees and guests of the social	
		distancing and sanitation requirements in place.	
	(12)	The establishment shall collect and retain guest contact information on file for	
		15 days past the date of the event, which shall be made available for contact	
		tracing if so requested.	
	SECT	<b>FION 4.(b)</b> This act is effective when it becomes law and expires when any	
	applicable decla	ration of emergency prohibitions and restrictions expire or are otherwise	
	terminated to permit venues for receptions and parties to open for full unrestricted use.		
	SECT	<b>FION 5.</b> Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes	
	law.	-	