

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/SB 1458 — Roller Skating Rink Safety

by Commerce and Tourism Committee and Senators Yarborough and Stewart

The bill provides that roller skating rink operators will not be liable to a roller skater or spectator for any damages or personal injuries resulting from the inherent risks of roller skating if certain requirements are met by the operator. These operator requirements include: signage, a roller skating rink supervisor or manager for every 200 skaters, the maintenance, safety, and lighting of the roller skating rink and equipment, complying with applicable safety codes, and taking action to correct dangerous conditions.

The bill also provides that a roller skater or spectator assumes the inherent risks of roller skating, and is legally responsible for damages or injuries to himself or herself or others or property which result from roller skating. While skating at a rink, roller skaters must maintain control and awareness, obey signage, and refrain from acting in a manner that may cause or contribute to their own personal injury or the personal injury of another.

Failure by a roller skating rink operator to perform their specified duties and responsibilities constitutes negligence, and failure by a roller skater to perform their specified duties and responsibilities constitutes negligence.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0