



2023-2024 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 355: North Carolina Farm Act of 2024, Sec. 21: Extend Required Time Between Traveling Fairs and County Fairs

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 21 of S.L. 2024-32

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OVERVIEW: *Section 21 of S.L. 2024-32 provides that a sheriff may not issue an exhibition permit to a carnival company or similar business if the requested exhibition date is less than 60 days prior to the county's regularly advertised agricultural fair.*

This section became effective July 1, 2024, and applies to permits issued on or after that date.

EXISTING LAW / BILL ANALYSIS:

Carnival companies or people in the business of holding similar shows, including menageries, carnival rides, circuses, before holding an exhibition in any county with an annual agricultural fair, must obtain a permit from the county sheriff. Exhibition without a permit is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Under prior law, no permit could be issued if the requested exhibition date was less than 30 days prior to the regularly advertised agricultural fair.

Section 21 provides that no permit may be issued to a carnival company or similar business if the requested exhibition date is less than 60 days prior to the regularly advertised agricultural fair.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective July 1, 2024, and applies to permits issued on or after that date.

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