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Carnival, Circus, Street Fairs

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SECTION 1. That all counties in this State having a population of not less than forty four thousand one hundred (44,100) and not more than forty four thousand two hundred (44,200) according to the Federal Census of 1950, or any subsequent census, shall prohibit any street fairs, carnivals, circuses and menageries operated in the open air or any tent from operating in said county for more than one day in any one week.

SECTION 2. That no tickets shall be sold for and no admission charge collected for any street fair, carnival, circus, menageries or any other show or exhibition connected with such fair, carnival, circus, or menageries between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and the following 10:00 A.M.

SECTION 3. That no street fair, carnival, circus, or menageries or any show or exhibition connected with such fair, carnival, circus, or menageries shall be operated between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and the following 10:00 A.M. and no customers or patrons shall be permitted to enter or to remain in any such fair, carnival, circus, or menageries or any show or exhibition being a part of or connected with any such fair, carnival, circus or menageries.

SECTION 4. That no barker, announcer or other person shall, between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and the following 10:00 A.M. endeavor in any way to persuade anyone to buy tickets for, or pay admission for or enter any part of any amusement or exhibition connected with any street fair, carnival, circus or menageries between 10:00 P.M. and the following 10:00 A.M. no performers or exhibitionists employed by or connected with any part of any exhibition or amusement connected with any such fair, carnival, circus, or menageries shall give a free exhibition or performance that might in any way indicate to the public what exhibitions or performances or exhibitors or performers might be seen in any amusement in any way connected with any such fair, carnival, circus or menageries.

SECTION 5. That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall have been approved by two-thirds vote of the Quarterly County Court of any county to which it may apply on or before the next regular meeting of such Quarterly County Court occurring more than thirty days after its approval by the Chief Executive of this State. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the body having jurisdiction to approve or the reverse, and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 6. That all laws and amendatory laws thereto in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed, that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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