

# Regulatory Round-UP

## Maryland.

On May 15, 2019, Scott Andrews, ACCT Policy Director, spoke to the Maryland Amusement Rides Safety Advisory Board in Ocean City, MD. Members of the advisory board wanted to know more about ACCT, the ACCT Standards, and the nature of the challenge course industry. Scott was able to share with them that the industry is much more diverse than the amusement world they are accustomed to. They appreciated a clear description of how an educational or therapeutic course is different from an amusement ride. The Maryland Amusement Rides Safety Advisory Board accepted and endorsed the concept of licensing all challenge courses in Maryland using the ACCT standards, an ACCT inspection, and a brief compliance inspection by state inspectors. This regulation will still need to go through the public comment process before it is enacted sometime later this year. The public comment period will be announced in the Maryland Register. The register is released every two weeks and can be found here <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/MDR/mdregister.html>. Keep checking the newsletter for updates.

## Colorado.

After a long and significant stakeholder comment period, Colorado Department of Oil and Public Safety held a public hearing on the new amusement regulations. Shawn Tierney, ACCT Executive Director, attended the hearing and spoke on behalf of the ACCT membership. The new regulation will be released in July of this year. These regulations will only impact commercial operations in the state. The new regulations recognize both ACCT and ASTM standards. Please look for the release information here in the upcoming newsletters and in Colorado state notifications.

These regulations show the importance of not only the Association's participation in this process but also your individual participation in the regulatory process. State employees were impressed by the engagement of members of our industry. Positive changes to this regulation were made because of your involvement and comments.

## Utah.

In March, the Utah legislature passed a law that will regulate amusement devices in the state including ziplines. The legislation calls for an extended time to create the commission which will oversee the regulation and for rulemaking. Currently, the state is populating the commission which will take up rulemaking soon after that. Please stay tuned for more details on how you can be part of crafting the rules for zip lines in the state.

## Florida.

The Sunshine State will be starting an amusement device rulemaking period this summer. In conversations with state staff, Florida has made it clear that rulemaking public comment will be in July or early August. This will be an important time for commercial operators to make themselves heard so that a good set of rules can be crafted. ACCT will announce the stakeholder meeting and hearings as soon as they are known.