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H.B. No. 1582

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a submersion injury and drowning prevention database.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 92, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 92.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 92.012. SUBMERSION INJURY AND DROWNING PREVENTION DATABASE. (a) The department shall collect and analyze information related to submersion injuries and drowning at the state and regional level, and to the extent feasible, at the local level. The department shall obtain the information in the manner required by other state law and may obtain additional information from federal agencies or private and public organizations. The department shall maintain a database of this information.

(b) The database may include:

(1) information related to risk factors identified for submersion injuries and drowning;

(2) morbidity and mortality rates for submersion injuries and drowning; and

(3) community indicators relevant to submersion injuries and drowning.

(c) In compiling the database, the department may use information available from other sources, such as reports of hospital discharge data, information included in death

1 certificates, or information previously collected by the
2 department.

3 (d) The department may identify additional information to
4 be included in the database. To the extent that information is
5 available, the department may collect the information and include
6 the information in the database.

7 (e) The department shall make the information in the
8 database available to the public in a manner designed to inform the
9 public on a local, regional, and statewide basis of:

10 (1) the risk factors associated with submersion
11 injuries and drowning; and

12 (2) preventative measures that may reduce the risk of
13 submersion injury and drowning.

14 (f) Information obtained by the department under this
15 section that identifies an individual or that is otherwise
16 confidential under law is confidential, is excepted from required
17 public disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, and may not
18 be disclosed for any purpose.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.