

AN ACT

relating to safety requirements for public swimming pools and other artificial bodies of water.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 341, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 341.0645 to read as follows:

Sec. 341.0645. POOL SAFETY. (a) An owner, manager, operator, or other attendant in charge of a public swimming pool, wading pool, baby pool, hot tub, in-ground spa, water park, spray fountain, or other artificial body of water typically used for recreational swimming, bathing, or play shall comply with pool safety standards adopted under this section.

(b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt by rule pool safety standards necessary to prevent drowning. The standards must be at least as stringent as those imposed under the federal Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (15 U.S.C. Section 8001 et seq.).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1732 passed the Senate on April 16, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1732 passed the House on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 6, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor