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S.B. No. 1732

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to safety requirements for public swimming pools and other  
3 artificial bodies of water.

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

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

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

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

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