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S.B. No. 1732

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.