

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1732  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2009; March 20, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
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1-5 Nays 0; April 7, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to safety requirements for public swimming pools and other  
1-9 artificial bodies of water.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 341, Health and Safety  
1-12 Code, is amended by adding Section 341.0645 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 341.0645. POOL SAFETY. (a) An owner, manager,  
1-14 operator, or other attendant in charge of a public swimming pool,  
1-15 wading pool, baby pool, hot tub, in-ground spa, water park, spray  
1-16 fountain, or other artificial body of water typically used for  
1-17 recreational swimming, bathing, or play shall comply with pool  
1-18 safety standards adopted under this section.

1-19 (b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
1-20 Services Commission shall adopt by rule pool safety standards  
1-21 necessary to prevent drowning. The standards must be at least as  
1-22 stringent as those imposed under the federal Virginia Graeme Baker  
1-23 Pool and Spa Safety Act (15 U.S.C. Section 8001 et seq.).

1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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