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H.B. No. 673

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the production and use of an instructional video on recreational water safety.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 12.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.012. RECREATIONAL WATER SAFETY VIDEO. (a) The department shall produce a video suitable for use with high school students on recreational water safety. The video must include instruction on safe participation in recreational activities in, on, or around the lakes, rivers, and coastal waters of this state.

(b) The department shall notify the Texas Education Agency in writing when the recreational water safety video is available for the agency's use.

SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.9021 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.9021. WATER SAFETY EDUCATION. The agency by rule shall incorporate a curriculum module on recreational water safety into driver education instruction using the video on recreational water safety produced under Section 12.012, Parks and Wildlife Code, when the agency is notified that the video is available.

SECTION 3. The Parks and Wildlife Department shall produce the recreational water safety video described by Section 12.012, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, as soon as production

1 costs can be paid from money identified as available for that
2 purpose in the department's operating budget.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.