

1-1 By: Parker (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 673  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2011;  
1-3 May 9, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 19, 2011, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2011, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the production and use of an instructional video on  
1-10 recreational water safety.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Parks and Wildlife  
1-13 Code, is amended by adding Section 12.012 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 12.012. RECREATIONAL WATER SAFETY VIDEO. (a) The  
1-15 department shall produce a video suitable for use with high school  
1-16 students on recreational water safety. The video must include  
1-17 instruction on safe participation in recreational activities in,  
1-18 on, or around the lakes, rivers, and coastal waters of this state.

1-19 (b) The department shall notify the Texas Education Agency  
1-20 in writing when the recreational water safety video is available  
1-21 for the agency's use.

1-22 (c) The department may edit the content of the recreational  
1-23 water safety video to produce a boater education video that  
1-24 complies with federal standards for boating education courses  
1-25 published by the National Association of State Boating Law  
1-26 Administrators.

1-27 SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
1-28 amended by adding Section 29.9021 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 29.9021. WATER SAFETY EDUCATION. The agency by rule  
1-30 shall incorporate a curriculum module on recreational water safety  
1-31 into driver education instruction using the video on recreational  
1-32 water safety produced under Section 12.012, Parks and Wildlife  
1-33 Code, when the agency is notified that the video is available.

1-34 SECTION 3. The Parks and Wildlife Department shall produce  
1-35 the recreational water safety video described by Section 12.012,  
1-36 Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, as soon as production  
1-37 costs can be paid from money identified as available for that  
1-38 purpose in the department's operating budget.

1-39 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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