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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training and certification requirements for inspectors of public swimming pools, including spas, and artificial swimming lagoons.

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 341.0643 to read as follows:

Sec. 341.0643.  POOL AND LAGOON INSPECTOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION. (a) In this section:

(1)  "Artificial swimming lagoon" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.005.

(2)  "Public swimming pool" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.005 and includes a spa.

(b)  The executive commissioner by rule shall require an inspector of a public swimming pool or artificial swimming lagoon to complete training on and obtain certification in the operation of pools and lagoons that is at least as stringent as the training and certification requirements for an owner or operator of a public swimming pool or artificial swimming lagoon.

SECTION 2.  Not later than December 1, 2023, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

SECTION 3.  Notwithstanding Section 341.0643, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, a public swimming pool or artificial swimming lagoon inspector is not required to comply with a rule adopted under that section until May 1, 2024.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.