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H.B. No. 268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prohibited use as overnight accommodations of youth camp structures located within certain floodplains.

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

SECTION 1. Section 141.009, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 141.009. STANDARDS. (a) The executive commissioner by rule shall establish health and safety standards for youth camps. The standards may relate to:

(1) adequate and proper supervision at all times of camp activities;

(2) qualifications for directors, supervisors, and staff and sufficient numbers of those persons;

(3) proper safeguards for sanitation and public health;

(4) adequate medical services for personal health and first aid;

(5) proper procedures for food preparation, handling, and mass feeding;

(6) healthful and sufficient water supply;

(7) proper waste disposal;

(8) proper water safety procedures for swimming pools, lakes, and waterways;

(9) safe boating equipment;

- 1           (10) proper maintenance and safe use of motor  
2 vehicles;  
3           (11) safe buildings and physical facilities;  
4           (12) proper fire precautions;  
5           (13) safe and proper recreational and other equipment;  
6           (14) proper regard for density and use of the  
7 premises; and  
8           (15) records of criminal convictions of camp  
9 personnel.

10       (b) In establishing health and safety standards under  
11 Subsection (a), the executive commissioner by rule shall prohibit a  
12 youth camp from using as an overnight accommodation a structure  
13 with its lowest floor located within a 100-year floodplain and  
14 below the base flood elevation.

15       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
20 legislative session.