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7-215A-02
                        A bill to be entitled
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          An act relating to public bathing places;
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           creating s. 514.045, F.S.; providing
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           requirements for the display of warning and
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           safety flags on public beaches; providing an
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           effective date.
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   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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           Section 1. Section 514.045, Florida Statutes, is
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    created to read:
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           514.045 Notification and display of warning and safety
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    flags on public beaches .--
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          (1) All public bathing places, as defined in s.
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    514.011(4), which display warning and safety flags shall
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   provide posted notification of the meaning of each of the
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    flags at all designated public access points. The notification
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   must be posted in a conspicuous location and be clearly
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    legible. The warning and safety flags must be at least 4 feet
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    by 5 feet and conform to a uniform standard of color and
    numbering provided in subsections (2) and (3).
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          (2) Flags not specifically mentioned in this section
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   must be identified by the entity flying the flag in the posted
   notification required by subsection (1). Warning and safety
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    flags must conform to the following color and pattern criteria
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    and meanings:
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          (a) Red - extremely dangerous water conditions such as
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    rip tides, undertow, strong currents or sharks.
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          (b) Yellow - exercise caution.
          (c) Green - conditions suitable for swimming, but not
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   necessarily safe waters.
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1	(d) Blue - dangerous sea life such as jellyfish,
2	stingrays, or red tide.
3	(3) In order to accommodate color blind people each
4	flag must have a large white number in the center of the flag
5	corresponding to the colors as follows:
6	(a) Number 1- Green.
7	(b) Number 2- Yellow.
8	(c) Number 3- Red.
9	(d) Number 4- Blue.
10	(4) Flags must be replaced when the colors and numbers
11	have deteriorated and cannot be understood by people on the
12	beach.
13	Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2003.
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16	SENATE SUMMARY
17	Provides for uniformity in the display of warning and safety flags on public beaches. Requires the posting of notification of the meaning of each flag.
18	notification of the meaning of each flag.
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