A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to public bathing places; 3 creating s. 514.045, F.S.; providing requirements for the display of warning and 4 5 safety flags on certain public beaches; providing an effective date. 6 7 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 9 10 Section 1. Section 514.045, Florida Statutes, is 11 created to read: 514.045 Notification and display of warning and safety 12 13 flags on public beaches. --14 (1) All public bathing places, as defined in s. 15 514.011(4), at which warning and safety flags are displayed 16 and lifeguards are on duty, shall provide posted notification of the meaning of each of the flags at all designated public 17 access points. The notification must be posted in a 18 19 conspicuous location and be clearly legible. The warning and 20 safety flags must be approximately 3 feet by 2 feet and conform to a uniform standard of color and numbering provided 21 22 in subsections (2) and (3). 23 (2) Flags not specifically mentioned in this section 24 must be identified by the entity flying the flag in the posted 25 notification required by subsection (1). Warning and safety 26 flags must conform to the following color and pattern criteria 27 and meanings: 28 (a) Red - extremely dangerous water conditions such as rough surf, rip currents, undertow, strong currents, sharks, 29 30 other predators, or lightning. 31 Yellow - exercise caution. (b)

1	(c) Green - conditions suitable for swimming, but not
2	necessarily safe waters.
3	(d) Blue - dangerous sea life such as man-o-war,
4	jellyfish, sea lice, stingrays, or red tide. Whenever a blue
5	flag is flown, a yellow flag shall also be flown.
6	(3) In order to accommodate color blind people, each
7	flag must have a large white number in the center of the flag
8	corresponding to the colors as follows:
9	(a) Number 1- Green.
10	(b) Number 2- Yellow.
11	(c) Number 3- Red.
12	(d) Number 4- Blue.
13	(4) Flags must be replaced when the colors and numbers
14	have deteriorated and cannot be understood by people on the
15	beach.
16	Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2003.
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19	LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
20	Provides for uniformity in the display of warning and
21	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.
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