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Representative Patronis offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 127 and 128, insert:

Section 3. Subsections (2) and (7) of section 380.276, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

380.276 Beaches and coastal areas; display of uniform warning and safety flags at public beaches; placement of uniform notification signs; beach safety education.—

(2) The Department of Environmental Protection, through the Florida Coastal Management Program, shall direct and coordinate the uniform warning and safety flag program. The purpose of the program shall be to encourage the display of uniform warning and safety flags at public beaches along the

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coast of the state and to encourage the placement of uniform notification signs that provide the meaning of such flags.

Unless additional safety and warning devices are authorized pursuant to subsection (7), only warning and safety flags developed by the department shall be displayed. Participation in the program shall be open to any government having jurisdiction over a public beach along the coast, whether or not the beach has lifeguards.

(7) The Department of Environmental Protection, through the Florida Coastal Management Program, may also develop and make available to the public other educational information and materials related to beach safety and may also authorize state agencies and local governments to use additional safety and warning devices in conjunction with the display of uniform warning and safety flags at public beaches.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 26 and insert:

concessions; amending s. 380.276, F.S.; authorizing the department to allow state agencies and local governments to use additional safety and warning devices at public beaches under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

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