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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public bathing places;
3 creating s. 514.045, F.S.; providing
4 requirements for the display of warning and
5 safety flags on public beaches; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Section 514.045, Florida Statutes, is
11 created to read:

12 514.045 Notification and display of warning and safety
13 flags on public beaches.--

14 (1) All public bathing places, as defined in s.
15 514.011(4), which display warning and safety flags shall
16 provide posted notification of the meaning of each of the
17 flags at all designated public access points. The notification
18 must be posted in a conspicuous location and be clearly
19 legible. The warning and safety flags must be at least 4 feet
20 by 5 feet and conform to a uniform standard of color and
21 numbering provided in subsections (2) and (3).

22 (2) Flags not specifically mentioned in this section
23 must be identified by the entity flying the flag in the posted
24 notification required by subsection (1). Warning and safety
25 flags must conform to the following color and pattern criteria
26 and meanings:

27 (a) Red - extremely dangerous water conditions such as
28 rip tides, undertow, strong currents or sharks.

29 (b) Yellow - exercise caution.

30 (c) Green - conditions suitable for swimming, but not
31 necessarily safe waters.

