

By Representative Maygarden

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 certain public beaches;
6 providing an 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), at which warning and safety flags are displayed
16 and lifeguards are on duty, shall provide posted notification
17 of the meaning of each of the flags at all designated public
18 access points. The notification must be posted in a
19 conspicuous location and be clearly legible. The warning and
20 safety flags must be approximately 3 feet by 2 feet and
21 conform to a uniform standard of color and numbering provided
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
29 rough surf, rip currents, undertow, strong currents, sharks,
30 other predators, or lightning.

31 (b) Yellow - exercise caution.

