

By Senator Gardiner

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public swimming and bathing  
3           facilities; amending s. 514.025, F.S.; directing the  
4           Department of Health to assign specific functions  
5           relating to the regulation of such facilities to  
6           certain special districts that have qualified  
7           engineering personnel; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Section 514.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
12   read:

13           514.025 Assignment of authority to county health  
14   departments or special districts.—

15           (1) The department shall assign to county health  
16   departments or multipurpose special districts established by the  
17   Legislature, which ~~that~~ are staffed with qualified engineering  
18   personnel, the functions of reviewing applications and plans for  
19   the construction, development, or modification of public  
20   swimming pools or bathing places; of conducting inspections for  
21   and issuance of initial operating permits; and of issuing all  
22   permits. If the county health department or multipurpose special  
23   district is not assigned the functions of application and plan  
24   review and the issuance of initial operating permits, the  
25   department shall be responsible for such functions. The  
26   department shall make the determination concerning the  
27   qualifications of county health department or special district  
28   personnel to perform these functions and may make and enforce  
29   such rules pertaining thereto as it shall deem proper.

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30           (2) After the initial operating permit is issued, the  
31 county health departments or special districts shall assume full  
32 responsibility for routine surveillance of all public swimming  
33 pools and bathing places, including responsibility for a minimum  
34 of two routine inspections annually, complaint investigations,  
35 enforcement procedures, reissuance of operating permits, and  
36 renewal of operating permits.

37           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.