

By Senator Smith

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to vacation rentals; creating s.
509.243, F.S.; requiring applicants or licensees
seeking to obtain or renew a license to operate a
vacation rental to install a pool safety feature if a
pool is located on the vacation rental property;
authorizing the Department of Business and
Professional Regulation to suspend or revoke a license
and fine the licensee if a vacation rental is not in
compliance; authorizing the department to adopt rules;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 509.243, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

509.243 Vacation rentals; pool safety compliance;
penalties.—

(1) An applicant seeking to obtain, or a licensee seeking
to renew, a license to operate a vacation rental as described in
s. 509.242(1)(c) must install at least one pool safety feature
as described in s. 515.27(1) if a swimming pool is located on
the vacation rental property.

(2) The department may suspend or revoke the license and
fine the licensee for noncompliance with this section.

(3) The department may adopt rules to implement this
section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.