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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Smith) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 82 - 107  
and insert:

(c) The division may suspend or revoke the license and fine the licensee for noncompliance with this subsection.

(d) A licensee who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, except that it is not a violation of this subsection if:



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1. The violation is due to the removal or modification of any safety feature required under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) by a guest, a member of a guest's family, or a person on the premises of the rental unit with a guest's consent;

2. Such removal or modification occurred without the licensee's knowledge; and

3. The licensee corrects the violation within 45 days after receiving actual knowledge thereof.

(e) For the purposes of this subsection, the term:

1. "Swimming pool" has the same meaning as in s. 515.25.

2. "Vacation rental" has the same meaning as in s. 509.242(1)(c).

3. "Water body" means any water or body of water regularly at a depth of at least 24 inches at its deepest point. The term does not include underground water that cannot be accessed by individuals from an access point located within 150 feet of the rental unit.

(f) A public lodging establishment that is licensed as a vacation rental which has a water body within 150 feet of the rental unit or a swimming pool located on the premises must file a certificate upon licensure and renewal stating that the rental unit complies with the requirements of this subsection.

(g) The division shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 12 - 14

and insert:



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40 water safety features; authorizing the Division of  
41 Hotels and Restaurants to suspend or revoke the  
42 license and fine the licensee for noncompliance;  
43 providing criminal penalties; providing an exception;  
44 defining terms; requiring certain public lodging  
45 establishments to file a certificate of compliance  
46 upon licensure and renewal; requiring the division to  
47 adopt rules; providing an effective date.