**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS OPERATED BY THE STATE, OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, MUST HAVE ONE LIFEGUARD FOR EVERY FORTY SWIMMERS AND IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FORTY SWIMMERS, THERE MUST BE ONE LIFEGUARD FOR EVERY TWENTY SWIMMERS, WITH MORE TO BE ADDED IF NEEDED.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44-1-245. All public swimming pools operated by the State, or a political subdivision of the State, as a condition of obtaining and maintaining an operating permit shall have a minimum of two lifeguards for every forty swimmers. However, if the number of swimmers exceeds forty, there must be one lifeguard for every twenty swimmers, and if the pool management determines it necessary, more lifeguards must be added.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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