Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2201

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- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide minimum lifeguard qualifications and lifeguard equipment
- 2 standards; and to provide a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 **SECTION 1. Lifeguard - Definitions.** As used in this Act:

- "National organization" means an entity meeting the standards of the American heart association, American red cross, national safety council, or YMCA which provides a training program in the area of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, or lifeguarding which is generally available nationwide to persons fifteen years of age or older.
- "Swimming facility" means a natural or manmade body of water available to the public for recreational purposes and for which lifeguarding services are provided by the owner or operator.
- **SECTION 2. Lifeguard Qualifications.** An individual employed in this state as a lifeguard shall hold current cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and lifeguarding certifications issued by a national organization.
- SECTION 3. Lifeguard Requirements. The owner or operator of a swimming facility shall:
 - Maintain in a location readily accessible by a lifeguard a first-aid kit containing items specifically used in a national organization's first-aid, safety, or lifeguard training course; a spine board with a minimum of three straps; a rescue tube or rescue can for each lifeguard on duty; cold packs or ice; and a blanket.
 - Retain a copy of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and lifeguarding certificates for each lifeguard employed by the owner or operator. The owner or

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- 1 operator shall retain the lifeguard's certificate copies on file for six years following
- 2 the lifeguard's last date of employment.
- 3 **SECTION 4. Penalty.** Any violation of this Act is an infraction.