



California Surf Lifesaving Association

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Committee of the Whole

Spring 2004 Meeting

California Lifesaving Standards Act (A.B. 1961)

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BILL NUMBER: AB 1961 INTRODUCED BILL TEXT

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INTRODUCED BY Assembly Member Harman

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FEBRUARY 12, 2004

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An act to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 116022) to Chapter 5 of Part 10 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to water public safety.

Robert A. Moore
Past President/Advisor

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Christopher R. Graham
Recurrent Representative

AB 1961, as introduced, ____ . Natural aquatic area lifesaving standards. Existing law sets forth the requirements for swimming pool lifeguard services, including, but not limited to, meeting the minimum qualification of possession of a Red Cross advanced lifesaving certificate or a Y.M.C.A. senior lifesaving certificate.

Don C. Rohrer
First Executive Delegate

This bill would require that a provider of lifeguard or marine safety protection intended to prevent the drowning or injury at a natural aquatic area, as defined, meet the standards recommended by the United States Lifesaving Association.

Michael S. Bartlett
Second Executive Delegate

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State—mandated local program: no.

Charlotte M. Graham
Alternate Executive Delegate

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article 4 (commencing with Section 116022) is added to Chapter 5 of Part 10 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

Article 4. Natural Aquatic Area Lifesaving Standards

116022. (a) This article shall be known as the Natural Aquatic Area Lifesaving Standards Act.

(b) A provider of lifeguard or marine safety protection intended to prevent the drowning or injury of swimmers, surfers, and similar water users at a natural aquatic area, open to use by the general public, whether at no cost or a fee, shall ensure that its standards, at a minimum, meet those currently recommended by the United States Lifesaving Association as of November 1, 2003.

(c) If the lifeguard provider is currently certified by the United States Lifesaving Association as meeting its recommended standards, then it shall be a rebuttable presumption that the provider is in compliance with the requirements of this section.

(d) As used in this section, "natural aquatic area" means any aquatic area other than one that is of wholly artificial construction.