

SENATE BILL NO. 2201

Introduced by

Senator Watne

Representative Wentz

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

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

- 5 1. "National organization" means an entity meeting the standards of the American
6 heart association, American red cross, national safety council, or YMCA which
7 provides a training program in the area of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid,
8 or lifeguarding which is generally available nationwide to persons fifteen years of
9 age or older.
- 10 2. "Swimming facility" means a natural or manmade body of water available to the
11 public for recreational purposes and for which lifeguarding services are provided by
12 the owner or operator.

13 **SECTION 2. Lifeguard - Qualifications.** An individual employed in this state as a
14 lifeguard shall hold current cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and lifeguarding
15 certifications issued by a national organization.

16 **SECTION 3. Lifeguard - Requirements.** The owner or operator of a swimming facility
17 shall:

- 18 1. Maintain in a location readily accessible by a lifeguard a first-aid kit containing
19 items specifically used in a national organization's first-aid, safety, or lifeguard
20 training course; a spine board with a minimum of three straps; a rescue tube or
21 rescue can for each lifeguard on duty; cold packs or ice; and a blanket.
- 22 2. Retain a copy of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and lifeguarding
23 certificates for each lifeguard employed by the owner or operator. The owner or

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.