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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2621

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

03/10/2014 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public beaches; requiring lifeguards at public beaches to have certain
1.3 minimum training; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
1.4 86B; 471.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[86B.215] PUBLIC BEACHES; LIFEGUARDS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "public swimming beach"
1.8 means an area abutting a body of water, other than a swimming pool governed by section
1.9 144.1222, owned or operated by a state agency, whether directly or under agreement with
1.10 another public or private entity, intended to be open to the public for swimming.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Lifeguards.** If a state agency provides for lifeguards to be present at a
1.12 public swimming beach, each lifeguard must be certified in first aid and adult, child,
1.13 and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation, have Red Cross lifeguard certification or the
1.14 equivalent, and be responsible for the supervision and safety of persons at the public
1.15 swimming beach while on duty.

1.16 Subd. 3. **Citation.** This section may be cited as "Tony's Law."

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2015.

1.18 Sec. 2. **[471.155] PUBLIC BEACHES; LIFEGUARDS.**

1.19 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section:

1.20 (1) "political subdivision" means a statutory or home rule charter city, county, town,
1.21 or other political subdivision; and

1.22 (2) "public swimming beach" means an area abutting a body of water, other than
1.23 a swimming pool governed by section 144.1222, owned or operated by the political

2.1 subdivision, whether directly or under agreement with another public or private entity,
2.2 intended to be open to the public for swimming.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Lifeguards.** If a political subdivision provides for lifeguards to be present
2.4 at a public swimming beach, each lifeguard must be certified in first aid and adult, child,
2.5 and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation, have Red Cross lifeguard certification or the
2.6 equivalent, and be responsible for the supervision and safety of persons at the public
2.7 swimming beach while on duty.

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