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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 223

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 27, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 223 relates to swimming pool safety and would raise safety standards of Class B pools (motels, hotels, apartment complexes, country clubs, health clubs etc) to the same level as Class A pools (municipal pools) by requiring the services of a Certified Pool Operator. A Certified Pool Operator is recognized as someone who has successfully completed:

1. The Nebraska Swimming Pool Operator Training Clinic (4-hours) sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services, or
2. The Certified Pool and Spa Operator Course (14-hours) approved by the National Swimming Pool Foundation, or
3. The Aquatic Facility Operator course approved by the National Recreation and Park Association, or
4. An equivalent course provided by a nonprofit organization approved by the department

The safety standards would be raised to the level of Class A (municipal) pools but would allow Class B pools to contract with a Certified Pool Operator to be available by telephone or electronic communication while the pool is open for use.

Principal Introducer:

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