

HB 1682 -- ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING PREVENTION

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This bill establishes the "Alexandra and Brayden Anderson Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Act."

This bill requires all primary patrol lake boats operated by the Water Patrol Division of the State Highway Patrol to be equipped with an automatic external defibrillator and staffed by at least one person trained by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or an equivalent nationally recognized course in the use of such equipment. This act also requires all water patrol officers to be trained in rescuing victims of electrocution injuries and the use of external defibrillator devices on such victims.

This bill requires all property owners with electricity on their docks to have a proper electrical grounding and bonding system and a functioning shoreline to dock ground fault circuit interrupter. Beginning September 15, 2018, all newly constructed docks with electricity, all existing dock modifications with electricity, and all changes in ownership of a dock with electricity shall be inspected. Under this act, dock permitting authorities are required to mail to every dock permit holder a notice of inspection requirements on an annual basis. No dock permit shall be issued without written documentation of such inspection.

Upon finding an immediate safety hazard or unsafe condition by any person, the fire protection district or local law enforcement authority shall be notified and respond to the hazard. If the fire protection district or law enforcement authority finds a potentially life-threatening condition, they may require the dock owner to deenergize the dock. After the hazard is made safe, such person shall have an inspection prior to the dock being reenergized.

This bill is the same as SB 622 (2018).