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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           The legislature finds that Hawaii's visitor drowning rate  
2 is 13 times the national average and nearly 10 times the rate of  
3 Hawaii residents from 2003 to 2012, with snorkeling by far the  
4 most common activity in which a fatal accident occurs. The  
5 legislature also finds that in 2003 to 2012, state data shows  
6 102 visitors drowned while snorkeling compared to 13 residents.  
7 Further, from 2009 to 2013 79 people died because of snorkeling  
8 in Hawaii.

9           The purpose of this measure is to develop consistent and  
10 strong messages and information to inform visitors and residents  
11 of the dangers of snorkeling. The legislature finds that it is  
12 essential to provide as much information on concerns with  
13 snorkeling to Hawaii's visitors and residents to address the  
14 significant fatalities associated with snorkeling in Hawaiian  
15 waters.



1 SECTION 1. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§200- Snorkel; safety checklist. (a) No person or  
5 store shall rent or sell a snorkel without attaching a warning  
6 check list on the snorkel.

7 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
8 91 to effectuate this section."

9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Snorkel; Safety Check List

**Description:**

Rental Shops and stores shall place a warning page or card listing a Safety Check List for snorkels sold or rented in Hawaii.

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