

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1736

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1736.

This bill exempts privately-owned campgrounds with swimming areas other than pools from State regulations establishing first aid personnel and lifeguard requirements.

Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.135 (C.26:4A-5) exempts a "specially exempt facility" from mandatory compliance with Department of Health and Senior Services first-aid personnel and lifeguard requirements. Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.135 (C.26:4A-4) defines a "specially exempt facility" to include campgrounds, hotels, motels, mobile home parks and retirement communities that restrict the use of their pools to persons who rent the lodging units or own the dwelling units and their invited guests.

Under the bill, a privately-owned campground which restricts a swimming area, such as a lake, to renters of the lodging units, owners of the dwelling units, the guests of these renters or owners or day-use visitors also would be exempt from these first-aid and lifeguard requirements. A campground owned by the State, a county or a municipality would not be exempt under the bill.

The bill also clarifies that a campground, hotel, motel, mobile home park or retirement community which allows day-use visitors, in addition to renters, owners and guests, to access its pool qualifies as a specially exempt facility.