

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 51

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES MILLER (Sponsor), FRANKLIN,  
WOOD AND FITZPATRICK (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 640, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to water quality standards for Missouri beaches.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 640, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 640.080, to read as follows:

3 **640.080. 1. For Missouri state parks' designated swim beaches, a standard that**  
4 **measures E. coli using the Environmental Protection Agency's Method 1603, or any other**  
5 **equivalent method that measures culturable E. coli, at a geometric mean (GM) based on**  
6 **weekly sampling over a thirty-day period of one hundred twenty-six colony forming units**  
7 **per one hundred milliliters and a statistical threshold value (STV) of two hundred thirty-**  
8 **five colony forming units per one hundred milliliters shall be utilized.**

9 **2. Beaches that exceed the GM standard established in subsection 1 of this section**  
10 **shall post with signs that state "Swimming is Not Recommended".**

11 **3. Beaches that exceed the STV standard provided in subsection 1 of this section**  
12 **shall require two additional tests. If any retest exceeds the STV standard, the beach shall**  
13 **post with signs stating "Swimming is Not Recommended" until both tests are below the**  
14 **STV standard.**

15 **4. The state reserves the right to close a beach in the event of a documented health**  
**risk including things such as but not limited to wastewater by-pass, spills of hazardous**  
**chemicals, or localized outbreaks of an infectious disease.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.