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Rep. Smola Announces Summer Lifeguard Opportunities

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is working to hire summer lifeguards for several popular waterfronts and/or swimming pool facilities in our district. New this year and to jumpstart recruitment, the Baker-Polito Administration is offering incentives totaling \$1,000 to attract candidates to work as lifeguards throughout the entire summer season. The incentive includes a \$500 early sign-on bonus for those individuals who commit to being a DCR lifeguard by **Sunday, March 27, 2022**, and a bonus of \$500 at the end of the season for those candidates who work as a lifeguard for the entire season. There has also been an increase in the hourly rate for lifeguards, which is now between \$21 and \$26 depending on position and associated certifications.

To be considered, applicants must be at least 16 years of age by time of employment, complete lifeguard training, and must be certified in first aid and CPR. The Commonwealth offers free training classes and certification to lifeguards who commit prior to the opening of designated swimming areas. More information can be found at mass.gov/lifeguards.

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