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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wading Pools - Safety**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a wading pool altered or constructed after a certain
4 date have a certain number of a certain type of drains in a certain location; defining
5 certain terms; and generally relating to wading pool safety.

6 BY adding to

7 Article - Health - General

8 Section 20-501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Wading Pool Safety"

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 SUBTITLE 5. WADING POOL SAFETY.

15 20-501.

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS
17 INDICATED.

18 (2) (I) "ALTER" MEANS TO:

19 1. CHANGE, MODIFY, OR REARRANGE STRUCTURAL PARTS
20 OR THE DESIGN OF A WADING POOL;

21 2. ENLARGE A WADING POOL;

22 3. MOVE A WADING POOL FROM ONE LOCATION OR
23 POSITION TO ANOTHER;

24 4. INSTALL A NEW WATER CIRCULATION SYSTEM FOR A
25 WADING POOL; OR

26 5. MAKE REPAIRS COSTING \$50 OR MORE TO AN EXISTING
27 WATER CIRCULATION SYSTEM.

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1 (II) "ALTER" DOES NOT INCLUDE MINOR REPAIRS OF LESS THAN
2 \$50 TO AN EXISTING WADING POOL.

3 (3) "POOL" MEANS AN ARTIFICIAL ENCLOSURE OF WATER THAT IS
4 USED FOR THE IMMERSION OF THE HUMAN BODY FOR RECREATION, THERAPY, OR
5 EXERCISE.

6 (4) "WADING POOL" MEANS A POOL WITH A WATER DEPTH OF 24
7 INCHES OR LESS THAT IS INTENDED FOR USE BY CHILDREN.

8 (B) ANY WADING POOL CONSTRUCTED OR ALTERED ON OR AFTER JULY 1,
9 1997 SHALL HAVE AT LEAST TWO WATER RECIRCULATION DRAINS, LOCATED A
10 MINIMUM OF 4 FEET APART.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 1997.