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**By: Delegate Frank**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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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 have a certain number of a certain type  
4 of drains in a certain location; defining certain terms; providing a deadline for  
5 compliance with this Act; 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) "POOL" MEANS AN ARTIFICIAL ENCLOSURE OF WATER THAT IS  
19 USED FOR THE IMMERSION OF THE HUMAN BODY FOR RECREATION, THERAPY, OR  
20 EXERCISE.

21 (3) "WADING POOL" MEANS A POOL WITH A WATER DEPTH OF 24  
22 INCHES OR LESS THAT IS INTENDED FOR USE BY CHILDREN.

23 (B) A WADING POOL SHALL HAVE AT LEAST TWO WATER RECIRCULATION  
24 DRAINS, LOCATED A MINIMUM OF 4 FEET APART.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any wading pool that was  
26 constructed prior to July 1, 1997 shall have until June 30, 1998 to comply with the  
27 requirements of this Act.

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1           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 July 1, 1997.