HOUSE BILL 273

J1 0 lr 0 980HB 204/08 - HGO By: **Delegate King** Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2010 Assigned to: Health and Government Operations A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT concerning Public Safety - Pool Lifeguards - Regulation (Connor's Law) FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations requiring the owners of certain types of swimming pools to have a certain number of lifeguards on duty when a certain number of individuals are in the water; and generally relating to the regulation of swimming pools and lifeguards. BY adding to Article – Health – General Section 20–301.2 Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Health - General 20-301.2. THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE THE OWNER OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF SWIMMING POOLS TO HAVE ONE LIFEGUARD ON DUTY FOR EACH GROUP OF 25 OR FEWER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN THE WATER: **(1)** A PUBLIC POOL;

A RECREATIONAL POOL;

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- 1 (3) A SEMIPUBLIC POOL THAT HAS A WATER SURFACE AREA 2 GREATER THAN 2,500 SQUARE FEET; OR
- 3 (4) A POOL WITHIN A MULTIPLE POOL FACILITY WITHIN ONE 4 ENCLOSURE THAT HAS A COMBINED WATER SURFACE AREA THAT IS GREATER 5 THAN 2,500 SQUARE FEET.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 7 October 1, 2010.