

HOUSE BILL 1248

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Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2014

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Swimming Pools – Automated External Defibrillator Programs

FOR the purpose of requiring the owners and operators of certain swimming pools to develop and implement a certain automated external defibrillator program that meets certain requirements; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems jointly to adopt certain regulations; defining a term; and generally relating to requiring certain automated external defibrillator programs for certain swimming pools.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 13–2401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 24. Automated External Defibrillator Programs”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

SUBTITLE 24. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMS.

13–2401.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “SWIMMING POOL” MEANS A POOL THAT:

(I) IS OPEN FOR GENERAL ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(II) IS PROVIDED AS THE OWNER'S PRIMARY BUSINESS OR THE FACILITY'S PRIMARY PURPOSE, INCLUDING A SWIM CLUB OR SIMILAR FACILITY;

(III) IS PROVIDED BY OR USED BY:

1. A YOUTH CAMP;
2. A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR SCHOOL;
3. A COUNTRY CLUB; OR
4. A WATER PARK, AN AMUSEMENT PARK, OR A WATER RECREATIONAL ATTRACTION; OR

(IV) IS USED FOR SWIMMING LESSONS, WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTION, OR SWIMMING COMPETITIONS.

(2) IN THIS SECTION, "SWIMMING POOL" DOES NOT MEAN A POOL THAT IS LOCATED:

(I) AT A FACILITY INTENDED FOR THE USE OF INDIVIDUALS STAYING AT THE FACILITY, INCLUDING A HOTEL OR MOTEL POOL; OR

(II) ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

(B) (1) THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF EACH SWIMMING POOL SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 13-517 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(2) THE PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT ENSURE THAT:

(I) AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IS PROVIDED ON-SITE; AND

(II) AN INDIVIDUAL TRAINED IN THE OPERATION AND USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IS PRESENT AT EACH SWIMMING POOL.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS JOINTLY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT:

(1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR PERIODIC INSPECTIONS AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS; AND

(2) ASSIST THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF EACH SWIMMING POOL IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.