

Chapter 235

**(House Bill 1217)**

AN ACT concerning

**Local Government – Splash Pads – Regulations**

FOR the purpose of defining the term “splash pad”; authorizing the governing body of a county to adopt rules and regulations to govern the sanitary condition of splash pads and any sanitary feature connected to a splash pad; and generally relating to the regulation of splash pads.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government  
Section 13–411  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 ~~Replacement~~ Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

**Article – Local Government**

**13–411.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SPLASH PAD” MEANS AN OUTDOOR PLAY AREA:**

**(1) WITH SPRINKLERS, FOUNTAINS, NOZZLES, OR OTHER DEVICES OR STRUCTURES THAT SPRAY WATER;**

**(2) IN WHICH WATER IS NOT ALLOWED TO ACCUMULATE; AND**

**(3) THAT IS NOT USED FOR SUBMERSION OF THE HUMAN BODY.**

**(B) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MAY ADOPT AND ENFORCE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE SANITARY CONDITION OF SPLASH PADS AND ANY SANITARY FEATURE CONNECTED TO A SPLASH PAD.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

**Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.**