

HOUSE BILL 303

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Judicial Proceedings* —

Introduced by ~~Delegate Stein~~ Delegates Stein, Boyce, Healey, Jalisi, Lehman, Prettyman, and Ruth

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards – Adoption**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt by regulation
4 the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as the Maryland Swimming Pool
5 and Spa Standards; providing for the implementation of the Standards by the
6 Department, local jurisdictions, counties, and municipalities; requiring the
7 Department to consult with the Maryland Department of Health on the
8 implementation of the Standards in relation to the regulation of the operation and
9 maintenance of swimming pools and spas; and generally relating to the Maryland
10 Swimming Pool and Spa Standards.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Public Safety

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Section 12–1201 through 12–1207 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 12.
2 Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards”
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Public Safety**

8 **SUBTITLE 12. MARYLAND SWIMMING POOL AND SPA STANDARDS.**

9 **12–1201.**

10 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
11 INDICATED.

12 (B) “ADDITIONS” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
13 SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE.

14 (C) “ALTERATIONS” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
15 SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE.

16 (D) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

17 (E) (1) “INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE” MEANS THE
18 FIRST PRINTING OF THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
19 SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL.

20 (2) “INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE” DOES NOT
21 INCLUDE INTERIM AMENDMENTS OR SUBSEQUENT PRINTINGS OF THE MOST
22 RECENT EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE.

23 (F) “LOCAL JURISDICTION” MEANS THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL
24 CORPORATION THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT
25 OF THE STANDARDS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

26 (G) “REPAIRS” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
27 SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE.

28 (H) “SPA” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING
29 POOL AND SPA CODE.

30 (I) “STANDARDS” MEANS THE MARYLAND SWIMMING POOL AND SPA
31 STANDARDS.

1 (J) "SWIMMING POOL" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
2 SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE.

3 12-1202.

4 (A) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT ALTER OR ABROGATE THE AUTHORITY OF:

5 (1) THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION TO ENFORCE THE
6 ELECTRICAL CODE UNDER SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS TITLE;

7 (2) THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ENFORCE THE ENERGY
8 CODE DEFINED UNDER THE ENERGY CONSERVATION BUILDING STANDARDS ACT,
9 TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE; OR

10 (3) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO:

11 (I) ENFORCE THE STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN AND
12 CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, OR REPAIRS, OF PUBLIC
13 SWIMMING POOLS; OR

14 (II) REGULATE THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
15 SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS.

16 (B) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT ALTER OR ABROGATE ANY ZONING POWER OR
17 RELATED AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

18 (C) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT ALLOW OR ENCOURAGE THE STATE TO
19 INITIATE OR ASSUME AN INDEPENDENT ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND
20 ENFORCEMENT OF THE STANDARDS FOR A SWIMMING POOL OR SPA THAT IS NOT
21 OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE STATE.

22 12-1203.

23 (A) (1) ~~THE (I)~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
24 PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT BY REGULATION, AS THE MARYLAND
25 SWIMMING POOL AND SPA STANDARDS, THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL
26 AND SPA CODE, WITH THE MODIFICATIONS INCORPORATED BY THE DEPARTMENT
27 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

28 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT, AS PART OF THE
29 STANDARDS, THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA
30 CODE RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, AND
31 REPAIRS WITHOUT MODIFICATION.

1 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT EACH SUBSEQUENT VERSION OF**
2 **THE STANDARDS WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER IT IS ISSUED.**

3 **(B) BEFORE ADOPTING EACH VERSION OF THE STANDARDS, THE**
4 **DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

5 **(1) REVIEW THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE**
6 **TO DETERMINE WHETHER MODIFICATIONS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE**
7 **STANDARDS;**

8 **(2) CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL**
9 **AND SPA CODE TO ENHANCE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY;**

10 **(3) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**
11 **ADOPT MODIFICATIONS TO THE STANDARDS THAT ALLOW ANY INNOVATIVE**
12 **APPROACH, DESIGN, EQUIPMENT, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING**
13 **ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, OR REPAIRS, THAT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED TO OFFER**
14 **ADDITIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY;**

15 **(4) CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON**
16 **THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES ON HEALTH AND SAFETY;**

17 **(5) ACCEPT WRITTEN COMMENTS;**

18 **(6) CONSIDER ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED; AND**

19 **(7) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON EACH PROPOSED MODIFICATION.**

20 **(C) THE STANDARDS APPLY TO EACH SWIMMING POOL OR SPA IN THE**
21 **STATE FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT IS RECEIVED BY A LOCAL**
22 **JURISDICTION ON OR AFTER ~~JUNE 1~~ DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

23 **12-1204.**

24 **(A) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY ADOPT LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE**
25 **STANDARDS IF THE LOCAL AMENDMENTS DO NOT:**

26 **(1) PROHIBIT THE MINIMUM IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT**
27 **ACTIVITIES SET FORTH IN § 12-1205 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR**

28 **(2) WEAKEN ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY PROVISIONS**
29 **CONTAINED IN THE STANDARDS.**

1 **(B) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION ADOPTS A LOCAL AMENDMENT TO THE**
2 **STANDARDS, THE STANDARDS AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION APPLY IN**
3 **THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.**

4 **(C) IF A LOCAL AMENDMENT CONFLICTS WITH THE STANDARDS, THE LOCAL**
5 **AMENDMENT PREVAILS IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.**

6 **(D) A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT ADOPTS A LOCAL AMENDMENT TO THE**
7 **STANDARDS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE LOCAL AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED IN**
8 **ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL LAW.**

9 **(E) TO KEEP THE DATABASE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE**
10 **CURRENT, A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT ADOPTS A LOCAL AMENDMENT TO THE**
11 **STANDARDS SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LOCAL AMENDMENT TO THE**
12 **DEPARTMENT:**

13 **(1) AT LEAST 15 DAYS BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE**
14 **AMENDMENT; OR**

15 **(2) WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY LOCAL**
16 **AMENDMENT.**

17 **12-1205.**

18 **(A) (1) (I) EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL IMPLEMENT AND**
19 **ENFORCE THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF THE STANDARDS AND ANY LOCAL**
20 **AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARDS.**

21 **(II) ANY MODIFICATION OF THE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE**
22 **STATE ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2022, SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AND ENFORCED**
23 **BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION NOT LATER THAN 12 MONTHS AFTER THE**
24 **MODIFICATIONS ARE ADOPTED BY THE STATE.**

25 **(2) AT A MINIMUM, THE LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL ENSURE THAT**
26 **IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE STANDARDS INCLUDES:**

27 **(I) REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPROPRIATE PLANS;**

28 **(II) ISSUANCE OF ~~WORK~~ PERMITS;**

29 **(III) INSPECTION OF THE WORK AUTHORIZED BY THE ~~WORK~~**
30 **PERMITS; AND**

1 (IV) ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE USE AND OCCUPANCY
2 CERTIFICATES.

3 (3) EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL DETERMINE THE MANNER IN
4 WHICH THE MINIMUM IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES OF THIS
5 SUBSECTION ARE CARRIED OUT.

6 (B) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE
7 COUNTY IN WHICH A SWIMMING POOL OR SPA IS LOCATED SHALL IMPLEMENT AND
8 ENFORCE THE STANDARDS FOR THAT SWIMMING POOL OR SPA IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

10 (2) (I) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT DID NOT ADOPT A
11 SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE BEFORE ~~OCTOBER 1~~ DECEMBER 31, 2022, MAY
12 ELECT TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE STANDARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
13 SUBTITLE FOR SWIMMING POOLS OR SPAS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPAL
14 CORPORATION.

15 (II) IF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ELECTS TO IMPLEMENT AND
16 ENFORCE THE STANDARDS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE
17 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS LOCATED IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR
18 IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE STANDARDS IN THE MUNICIPAL
19 CORPORATION.

20 (3) A COUNTY THAT DID NOT ADOPT A SWIMMING POOL AND SPA
21 CODE BEFORE ~~OCTOBER 1~~ DECEMBER 31, 2022, SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE
22 THE STANDARDS IN THE COUNTY UNLESS IT ELECTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH A
23 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE COUNTY TO HAVE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
24 IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE STANDARDS IN THE COUNTY.

25 (4) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT ADOPTED A SWIMMING POOL
26 AND SPA CODE BEFORE ~~OCTOBER 1~~ DECEMBER 31, 2021 2022, SHALL IMPLEMENT
27 AND ENFORCE THE STANDARDS IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION UNLESS IT
28 ELECTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
29 IS LOCATED TO HAVE THE COUNTY IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE STANDARDS IN
30 THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

31 (C) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY CHARGE FEES NECESSARY TO COVER THE
32 COST OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE STANDARDS AND ANY
33 LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARDS.

34 12-1206.

1 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A CENTRAL AUTOMATED**
2 **DATABASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

3 **(B) (1) AT A MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE**
4 **DATABASE:**

5 **(I) THE STANDARDS;**

6 **(II) LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARDS;**

7 **(III) THE ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIRED UNDER SUBTITLE 6 OF**
8 **THIS TITLE;**

9 **(IV) LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE; AND**

10 **(V) INFORMATION COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER**
11 **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

12 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COMPILE AND INCLUDE IN THE**
13 **DATABASE:**

14 **(I) ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION**
15 **ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE STANDARDS BY THE**
16 **LOCAL JURISDICTION; AND**

17 **(II) INTERIM AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL**
18 **SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE INCLUDING SUBSEQUENT PRINTINGS OF THE MOST**
19 **RECENT EDITION.**

20 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

21 **(1) MAKE INFORMATION FROM THE DATABASE AVAILABLE TO A**
22 **LOCAL JURISDICTION, STATE UNIT, OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTY;**

23 **(2) PROVIDE EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION WITH THE NECESSARY**
24 **HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE TO ENABLE THE LOCAL JURISDICTION TO ACCESS THE**
25 **INFORMATION IN THE DATABASE; AND**

26 **(3) COORDINATE WITH LOCAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA OFFICIALS,**
27 **THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AND LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS IN COMPILING**
28 **INFORMATION FOR THE DATABASE.**

1 **(D) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
2 **PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR INFORMATION PROVIDED**
3 **FROM THE DATABASE.**

4 **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE TO A STATE**
5 **UNIT OR LOCAL JURISDICTION.**

6 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE TO A LOCAL**
7 **JURISDICTION FOR THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE DATABASE.**

8 **(3) FEES COLLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION**
9 **UNEXPENDED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL**
10 **FUND OF THE STATE, BUT SHALL BE KEPT IN A SPECIAL FUND AVAILABLE TO THE**
11 **DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.**

12 **12-1207.**

13 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY:**

14 **(1) DEVELOP A VOLUNTARY FORUM THAT MAY BE USED, ON REQUEST**
15 **OF A LOCAL JURISDICTION, TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS THAT INVOLVE THE**
16 **STANDARDS; AND**

17 **(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.**

18 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT:**

19 **(1) SHALL NOTIFY EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION OF EACH CHANGE TO**
20 **THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE AND THE IMPACT THE**
21 **CHANGE WILL HAVE ON THE LOCAL AMENDMENTS IN THAT LOCAL JURISDICTION;**

22 **(2) MAY PROVIDE TRAINING FOR LOCAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA**
23 **OFFICIALS ON THE STANDARDS AND CERTIFY THE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL**
24 **SWIMMING POOL AND SPA OFFICIALS IN THE TRAINING;**

25 **(3) ON REQUEST, SHALL PROVIDE A LOCAL JURISDICTION WITH**
26 **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE STANDARDS; AND**

27 **(4) SHALL CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
28 **ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STANDARDS IN RELATION TO THE REGULATION**
29 **OF THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

1 ~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall be construed~~
2 ~~to apply to swimming pools and spas, including swimming pools and spas in hotels and~~
3 ~~motels, only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or~~
4 ~~application to a swimming pool or spa in operation before the effective date of this Act.~~

5 ~~(b) This Act shall be construed to apply to any swimming pool or spa for which~~
6 ~~new construction or renovation, or a substantial and material structural change, this Act~~
7 ~~does not apply to a swimming pool or spa built and in operation before ~~June 1~~ December 31,~~
8 ~~2023, unless there is construction or renovation that results in a substantial and material~~
9 ~~structural change to the swimming pool or spa that occurs on or after the effective date of~~
10 ~~this Act ~~June 1~~ December 31, 2023.~~

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.