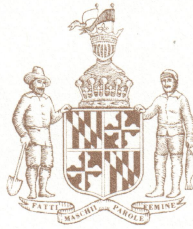


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Re: HB1350 - Splash Pads - Lifeguards

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HB1350 was introduced to address significant problems that have been experienced in the operation of splash pads and compliance with state regulation. The introduced version of HB1350 is incorrect, the amendment will correct the bill by replacing the text of HB1350 with new language, which simply directs the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to promulgate independent regulations for the operation of Splash Pads. These regulations will be coordinated through local Health Departments.

Currently, Splash Pads are regulated by MDH and treated as if they were swimming pools.

Splash Pads are small outdoor areas where water sprays from the ground and drains through a porous surface into a drain. There is no standing water.

The town of Federalsburg operates a splash pad and has been embroiled in repeated efforts to comply with current regulations unsuccessfully.

We ask for your favorable report on HB1350.