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February 7, 2022

Senator William Smith (Chair) & Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (Vice-Chair)
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Smith & Vice-Chair Waldstreicher:

Please accept this letter as our organization's support for the adoption of The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) with the passing of SB 319. The ISPSC is a model code that regulates the minimum requirements for the design, construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance of new or substantially re-modeled swimming pools, spas, hot tubs and aquatic facilities. This includes public swimming pools, public spas, public exercise spas, aquatic recreation facilities, permanent in-ground residential spas and pools and permanent residential spas and pools among other water venues. Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation and the National Drowning Prevention Alliance support the adoption of the ISPSC in States and local jurisdictions around the country. In fact, at least 13 states and hundreds of localities have adopted the safety code. We strongly encourage the Maryland Legislature to adopt this important safety code.

Developed in collaboration with the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA; formerly the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals), ISPSC adoption provides many benefits supporting the safety and health of water. If adopted, the code requires pools and other water facilities to: meet the requirements of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act (VGB Act); meet the APSP-7 standard for suction entrapment avoidance; require layers of protection around pools and spas that help prevent the unfettered access by children, including fencing, covers and door and window alarms; and ensure that water quality is healthy and safe, among many other safety and health provisions.

In June of 2007, six-year old Abigail Taylor suffered a horrific injury while swimming in a public pool. That injury ultimately took her life. Abbey was playing in a wading pool when she unknowingly sat on a drain that was poorly maintained and unequipped with the appropriate safety devices. The powerful suction of the pool eviscerated Abbey. Her small intestine was ripped from her body. The serious injury was followed by 9 months of medical care, including 16 different surgeries, a triple organ transplant, several infections and most of her sixth year of life in a hospital bed. Despite the best medical care and attention and our constant vigilance and prayers, Abbey died March 20, 2008. Abbey's hope was that no child should ever suffer like she did as a result of an improperly

maintained pool or from a preventable drowning. In her memory Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation was formed.

One our greatest achievements was helping the United States Congress to pass The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool Safety Act (VGB Act) which requires entrapment safety devices on all public pools in Maryland and around the country. Significantly, since the effective date of this law, there has not been a single entrapment death at a public pool or spa, however, the passage of this measure alone is not enough in Maryland. Adoption of the ISPSC will help close that safety gap between public and residential pools and spas by requiring the same entrapment protection provided from the VGB Act to, at least, newly constructed pools/spas and substantially remodeled existing pools/spas. Please help fulfill Abbey's hope of 'safer pools, safer kids' by adopting the ISPSC code.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, vertical, scribbled lines that form a stylized representation of the name 'Alan Korn'.

Alan Korn, J.D.

Executive Director, Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation

Board Member and General Counsel, National Drowning Prevention Alliance

2022 JCRC SB 319 Public Safety - Maryland Swimming

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of *Senate Bill 319 – “Public Safety –
Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards - Adoption”***
Judicial Proceedings Committee
February 10, 2022

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington (JCRC) serves as the public affairs and community relations arm of the Jewish community. We represent over 100 Jewish organizations and synagogues throughout Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The JCRC is strongly committed to cultivating a society based on freedom, justice, and pluralism. We work tirelessly throughout the entire Greater Washington area to advocate for our agencies that serve the most vulnerable residents, support our Jewish day schools and community centers, and to campaign for important policy interests on behalf of the entire Jewish community.

According to a 2015 Maryland Department of Health report, drowning was the 2nd leading cause of death for children 0-4 and the third leading cause of death for children aged 5-14. While most Jurisdictions in Maryland have some form of existing pool and spa regulations, most lack a comprehensive code or laws that address design, construction, and safety of pools and spas leaving a patchwork of regulations across Maryland.

As a remedy to this issue, the JCRC supports Senate Bill 319 which will adopt the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) which is the only code that is coordinated and correlated with the other building codes adopted in Maryland. The ISPSC is the first national code for swimming pools and spas ever created and the only code to address all aspects of public and residential pool and spa design and construction addressing quality, safety, and energy and conservation. HB 303 aims to set consistent, statewide standards with regard to pools and spas. This action should help increase and ensure greater safety. For these reasons, we ask the committee to give a favorable report on SB 319.

International Code Council Support Letter and Fact

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SB 319 – Support
Public Safety – Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards – Adoption
Environment and Transportation Committee

February 7, 2022

Dear Chair McCray, and Members of the Committee,

The International Code Council (Code Council) supports the passage SB 319, adopting the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) for new construction, alteration, and remodeling of public, semi-public, and private pools and spas¹.

The Code Council is a member-focused nonprofit association with over 64,000 members (1,200 of whom call Maryland home) that develops model building codes, the I-Codes, used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Maryland chooses the International Codes (I-Codes) as its regulatory foundation for the built environment adopting and adapting the International Residential Code, the International Building Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, the International Green Construction Code, the International Property Maintenance Code, the International Existing Building Code, and the International Energy Conservation Code, all of which are updated every three years using a nationally recognized consensus-based process. The I-Codes, including the *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code* (ISPSC), are the most widely used and adopted set of building codes in the U.S. and around the world.

Several Maryland jurisdictions currently adopt and enforce the ISPSC² or use provisions from the code. Others require permits and inspections for pools and spas but reference out of date legacy regulations. This approach causes a patchwork of jurisdiction specific requirements across Maryland that do not take advantage of safer and more energy efficient construction practices that up-to-date codes and standards provide (e.g. solar thermal water heating). Passing SB 319 reduces industry confusion and promotes compliance through a consistent set of pool and spa regulations that are seamlessly designed to integrate with the building, plumbing, mechanical, residential and other construction codes used throughout Maryland. Additional advantages to adopting the ISPSC are listed on the attached document. The Code Council appreciates the Committee's consideration and urges a favorable vote.

Thank you for your service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Karson".

Jacob Karson
Government Relations Coordinator
International Code Council

¹ The scope of the ISPSC does not address operations and maintenance of swimming pools and spas.

² Anne Arundel, Cecil, Montgomery, and Wicomico counties, as well as Annapolis, Baltimore, and Gaithersburg Cities adopt the ISPSC directly or by reference.

HB 303 / SB 319 Public Safety – Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards Adoption v1/19/22

According to a [2015 Maryland Department of Health report](#), drowning was the 2nd leading cause of death for children 0-4 and the third leading cause of death for children aged 5-14. Most jurisdictions use outdated safety standards for pool and spa construction and many lack comprehensive codes that address design and construction of pools and spas. Unlike statewide adopted building codes, requirements for residential pools are vastly different creating a patchwork of regulations and requirements for public pools are severely outdated; [some are over 20 years old](#). HB 303 and SB 319 remedies this by adopting the most recent edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) using the same recognized process Maryland employs for the adoption of the International Building Code, International Residential, and International Energy Conservation Code.

BENEFITS of adopting the ISPSC:

- Enhances residential pool barrier requirements, reducing drowning incidents and ensures compliance with Virginia Graeme Baker Act which is designed to eliminate entrapment incidents.
- Is based on scientifically proven best practices for drowning prevention and energy efficiency.
- Provides Maryland a consistent and uniform set of regulations reducing the cost of pool design and construction.
- Requires portable spas to be certified to the latest industry standards, eliminating the need to inspect inaccessible interior components.
- Is coordinated and correlated with the International Building Code (IBC), International Residential Code (IRC), International Plumbing Code (IPC), International Mechanical Code (IMC), and the other I-Codes adopted by Maryland and uses the same open and transparent development process.
- Eligibility for Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) training grants.
- Statewide training on a code that is coordinated and correlated with Maryland's suite of codes.
- [Requirements are easily accessible and free for public viewing.](#)

Synopsis – HB 303 and SB 319 creates the Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards and adopts the ISPSC by regulation with an initial implementation date of June 1, 2023. The proposed language follows [12-503](#), Maryland Building Performance Standards, which adopts, by regulation ([COMAR 09.12.51](#)), the International Building Code (IBC), International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and permits the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) (COMAR 09.12.51 also adopts the International Residential Code). The Department of Labor shall consult with the Department of Health during review of the ISPSC. Local jurisdictions may adopt local amendments so long as the amendments do not weaken energy conservation and efficiency provisions. Also notable in the legislation:

- The Department of Labor shall maintain a central automated database that includes the Standards, local amendments to the Standards, make database information available to local jurisdictions, coordinate with code officials and the State Fire Marshal and local fire officials.
- Local jurisdictions can further amend the Standards so long as they do not weaken energy efficiency provisions.

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February 7, 2022

Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chairman Senator
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Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
House Office Building, Room 251
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 319 - Public Safety- - Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards-Adoption

Dear Delegates Barve and Stein:

The Maryland Metro Chiefs Fire Marshal Committee is made up of representatives from fire marshal offices from across the State of Maryland. We work in collaboration with the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office to advocate for strong and effective fire prevention and life safety measures to protect the citizens of the State of Maryland.

We are writing you today to submit our support for SB 319. Drownings continue to be one of the leading causes of death for young children and teens in the state of Maryland. Tragically, many of these deaths could be prevented and we believe the adoption of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Safety Code could be a valuable tool in the matter.

The ISPSC is the first national code for swimming pools and spas ever created and the only code to address all aspects of public and residential pool and spa design. It is based on scientifically proven best practices for drowning prevention and provides a consistent and uniform set of regulations reducing the cost of pool design.

The majority of our members are or have been first responders during their careers. We have witnessed first-hand the tragedy of accidental drownings and support efforts to reduce or eliminate these devastating occurrences.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation and we respectfully ask the Economic Matters Committee for a favorable report for SB 319.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Custer

Michael S. Custer
Vice-Chairman, Maryland Metro Chief's Fire Marshal Committee

MBOA written testimony in support of SB 319.pdf

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SB 319-Support Public Safety - Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards Judicial Proceedings

February 7, 2022

Dear Chair McCray, and Members of the Committee,

The Board of Directors, Maryland Building Officials Association, is happy to provide testimony in favor of SB 319, adopting the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) for design and construction of public, semi-public, and private pools and spas. MBOA provides this letter of support for adoption of the bills as written which allows for local jurisdictions to amend with the caveat that the current proposed language is not modified nor amended.

Adding the ISPSC next to the Maryland Building Performance Standards provides a safe and comprehensive code for design and construction of swimming pools and spas that correlates with the other building safety codes adopted and enforced in Maryland. SB 319 provides a consistent foundation of requirements across the state that reduces the patchwork of regulations governing the design and construction of pools and spas. Importantly, the ISPSC is written in a format that is well understood by Maryland's design, builder, and code enforcement communities which leads to more consistent application and enforcement of its safety provisions.

The Maryland Building Officials Association, established over 50 years ago, is a membership association of approximately 450 individuals dedicated to building, plumbing, mechanical, energy efficiency, and fire protection. As charter members of the International Code Council, our members, along with construction industry professionals, develop the codes and standards, including the ISPSC, used to protect the public and keep them safe in the buildings where they eat, sleep, work, learn, play, and worship. The State of Maryland has a long history of adopting national model codes and standards and many local representatives have been very active in the development of the family of International Codes and Standards.

MBOA appreciates the Committee's consideration of SB 319 and urges a favorable recommendation.

Sincerely,

Frank G Quillen
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February 10, 2022

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Re: Consideration of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

Dear Chairman Smith and Vice-Chair Waldstreicher:

This letter is in regard to the state of Maryland's consideration of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC). The Pool and Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) (formerly the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP)) partnered with the International Code Council (ICC), the body responsible for many of our national building codes, to create the first ever national code for swimming pools and spas in 2012.

According to a 2015 Maryland Department of Health report, drowning was the 2nd leading cause of death for children 0-4 and the third leading cause of death for children aged 5-14. While most Jurisdictions in Maryland have some form of existing pool and spa regulations, most lack a comprehensive code or laws that address design, construction, and safety of pools and spas leaving a patchwork of regulations across Maryland. SB 319 will remedy this by adopting the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) which is the only code that is coordinated and correlated with the other building codes adopted in Maryland. The ISPSC is the first national code for swimming pools and spas ever created and the only code to address all aspects of public and residential pool and spa design and construction addressing quality, safety, and energy and conservation.

The ISPSC will establish minimum regulations for public and residential pools, spas, and hot tubs using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. Additional benefits of the ISPSC include:



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- Seamless integration with the most widely used model codes in North America, the International Building Code® (IBC®) and International Residential Code® (IRC®).
- Meets or exceeds the requirements of the federal Virginia Graeme Baker Act for suction entrapment avoidance.
- Covers fencing, decks, lighting, heaters, circulation systems, pumps, accessibility, diving, sanitizing equipment, filters, and suction fittings.
- Includes provisions for pools and facilities geared specifically for water parks, along with provisions based on the latest research for diving, barriers, general design, and water quality safety.
- All necessary provisions in one book. The ISPSC combines the provisions of the relevant sections of the IRC, IBC, IPC®, and IMC®, and the APSP standards, serving as a fully-integrated document for pool and spa safety.

We look forward to positive consideration of the ISPSC in Maryland and hope to be of assistance in your code development process.

Sincerely,



Jason Davidson

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About Us

The Pool & Hot Tub Alliance was formed in 2019, combining the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP) and the National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF). With the mission to “Celebrate the Water,” PHTA facilitates the expansion of swimming, water safety and related research and outreach activities aimed at introducing more people to swimming, making swimming environments safer and keeping pools open to serve communities.

APSP, now the PHTA, is the world’s oldest and largest association representing swimming pool, hot tub, and spa manufacturers, distributors, manufacturers’ agents, designers, builders, installers, suppliers, retailers, and service professionals. Dedicated to the growth and development of its members’ businesses and to promoting the enjoyment and safety of pools and spas, PHTA offers a range of services, from



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professional development to advancing key legislation and regulation at the federal and local levels, to consumer outreach and public safety. PHTA is the only industry organization recognized by the American National Standards Institute to develop and promote national standards for pools, hot tubs, and spas. For more information, visit APSP.org or NSFP.org.



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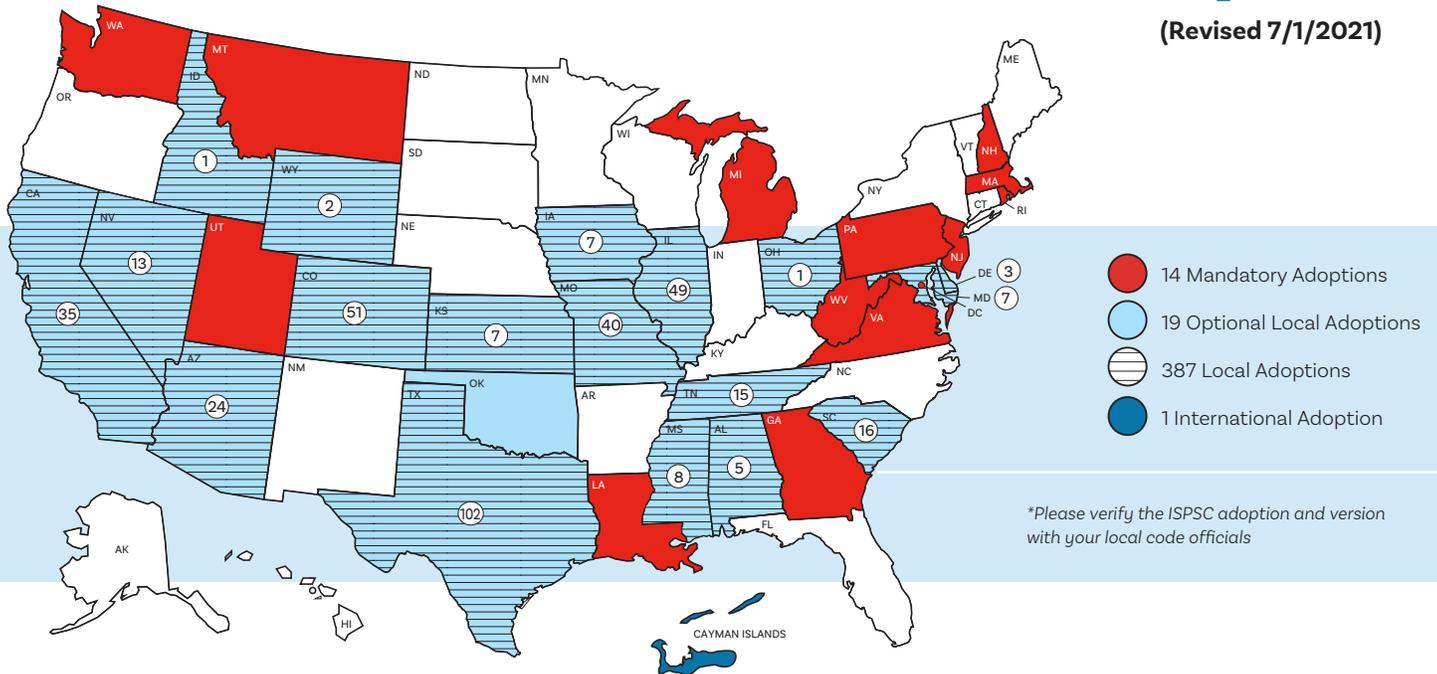
PHTA ISPSC National Listing 7.19.2021.pdf

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ISPSC Adoption Status Report*

(Revised 7/1/2021)



14 Mandatory State Adoptions (Statewide)

Georgia ('15) | Louisiana ('15) | Massachusetts ('15) | Michigan ('15) | Montana ('18) | New Hampshire ('15) | New Jersey ('18) | Pennsylvania ('15) | Rhode Island ('15) | Utah ('18) | Virginia ('18) | Washington ('15) | Washington, D.C. ('12) | West Virginia ('15)

19 States with Optional Adoption

Alabama | Arizona | California | Colorado | Delaware | Idaho | Illinois | Iowa | Kansas | Maryland | Mississippi | Missouri | Nevada | Ohio | Oklahoma | South Carolina | Tennessee | Texas | Wyoming

387 Local Adoptions

Alabama

County of Mobile ('18)
Gulf Shores ('18)
Montgomery ('18)
Orange Beach ('18)
Tuscaloosa ('12)

Arizona

Apache County ('15)
Apache Junction ('18)
Benson ('15)
Camp Verde ('12)
Casa Grande ('18)
Chandler ('18)
Clarkdale ('18)
Florence ('18)
Fountain Hills ('12)
Goodyear ('12)
Marana ('18)
Mesa ('18)
Oro Valley ('18)
Pima County ('18)
Phoenix ('18)
Sahuarita ('12)
San Luis ('18)
Sedona ('18)
Sierra Vista ('12)
Snowflake ('15)

Somerton ('18)
Tempe ('15)
Tucson ('18)
Yavapai County ('12)

California

Alhambra ('18)
Asuza ('18)
Atascadero ('18)
Brea ('15)
Cathedral City ('18)
Cotati ('15)
El Segundo ('18)
Fremont ('18)
Garden Grove ('18)
Grass Valley ('15)
Hanford City ('15)
Huntington Park ('12)
Laguna Niguel ('18)
La Palma ('18)
Los Alamitos ('12)
Milpitas ('18)
Mission Viejo ('18)
Monterey Park ('15)
Nevada City ('15)
Nevada County ('12)
Newport Beach ('18)
Palo Alto ('15)

Pleasanton ('18)
Rancho Cordova ('18)
Rancho Cucamonga ('18)
Rancho Santa Margarita ('18)
Sacramento County ('15)
San Bernardino County ('18)
San Luis Obispo County ('18)
San Manuel Indian Reservation (in San Bernardino County) ('12)
Seal Beach ('18)
Sebastopol ('15)
Temple City ('18)
Ventura County ('18)
Whittier ('15)

Colorado

Adams County ('18)
Arapahoe County ('15)
Archuleta County ('18)
Arvada ('18)
Aspen ('15)

Berthoud ('18)
Black Hawk ('15)
Blue River ('12)
Boulder ('12)
Boulder County ('15)
Broomfield ('18)
Buena Vista ('15)
Castle Pines ('15)
Castle Rock ('12)
Centennial ('15)
Chaffee County ('15)
Commerce ('18)
Dacono ('18)
Delta County ('18)
Denver ('18)
Denver County ('15)
Douglas County ('18)
Eagle County ('15)
Erie ('15)
Evans ('18)
Federal Heights ('15)
Fort Collins ('18)
Frisco ('18)
Garfield County ('15)
Greenwood Village ('12)
Hudson ('18)
Johnstown ('18)
Longmont ('18)

Lyon County ('15)
Pagosa Springs ('15)
Parker ('15)
Pitkin County ('15)
Pueblo ('15)
Salida ('15)
Severance ('18)
Sheridan ('15)
Silverthorne ('18)
Summit County ('18)
Thornton ('15)
Timnath ('18)
Town of Buena Vista ('15)
Wellington ('18)
Westminster ('15)
Wheat Ridge ('18)
Windsor ('18)
Yuma ('15)

Delaware

Middletown ('18)
New Castle County ('15)
Rehoboth Beach ('18)

Idaho

Lewiston ('15)

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Illinois

Addison ('12)
 Arlington Heights ('18)
 Bartlett ('12)
 Bloomingdale ('18)
 Buffalo Grove ('18)
 Champaign ('15)
 Darien City ('15)
 DeKalb ('15)
 DuPage County ('15)
 Elk Grove Village ('18)
 Elmhurst ('12)
 Elwood ('18)
 Evanston ('12)
 Geneva ('15)
 Hainesville ('12)
 Hanover Park ('12)
 Highland Park ('18)
 Hoffman Estates ('15)
 Inverness ('15)
 Kankakee ('18)
 Lake Bluff ('12)
 Lake County ('12)
 Libertyville ('18)
 Lincoln ('12)
 Lincolnshire ('18)
 Lisle ('15)
 Long Grove ('12)
 Loves Park ('15)
 Milan ('12)
 Mount Prospect ('15)
 Naperville ('18)
 Northbrook ('12)
 Palatine ('15)
 Pecatonica ('12)
 Saint Clair County ('12)
 Shorewood ('18)
 St. Charles ('15)
 Streamwood ('12)
 Sycamore ('15)
 Tinley Park ('12)
 Tuscola ('15)
 Warrenville ('15)
 Westchester ('12)
 Westmont ('12)
 Wheeling ('18)
 Willowbrook ('18)
 Winfield ('15)
 Winnetka ('15)
 Yorkville ('18)

Iowa

Ankeny ('18)
 Cedar Rapids ('18)
 Coralville ('18)
 Des Moines ('18)*
 Johnston ('15)
 Ottumwa ('15)
 Sioux Center ('15)

Kansas

DeSoto ('18)
 Gardner ('12)
 Lawrence ('15)
 Lenexa ('18)
 Manhattan ('15)
 Olathe ('12)
 Wichita ('12)

Maryland

Annapolis ('15)
 Anne Arundel County ('12)
 Baltimore City ('18)
 Cecil County ('18)
 Gaithersburg ('18)
 Montgomery County ('15)
 Wicomico County ('15)

Mississippi

Biloxi ('18)
 Diamondhead ('12)
 D'Iberville ('18)
 Federal Heights ('12)
 Garfield County ('12)
 Gulfport ('18)
 Pearl River Valley Water Supply District ('15)
 Senatobia ('18)

Missouri

Branson ('18)
 Cape Girardeau ('15)
 Chesterfield ('18)
 Clayton ('15)
 Creve Coeur ('15)
 Eureka ('18)
 Excelsior Springs ('12)
 Farmington ('15)
 Frontenac ('15)
 Gladstone ('15)
 Higginsville ('15)
 Hollister ('18)
 Jackson ('15)
 Jefferson ('15)
 Jefferson County ('15)
 Kearney ('12)
 Kirkwood ('15)
 Joplin ('18)
 Ladue ('15)
 Lake St. Louis ('15)
 Liberty ('12)
 Missouri City ('15)
 North Kansas City ('12)
 O'Fallon ('15)
 Parkville ('18)
 Raymore ('18)
 Richmond Heights ('18)
 Rolla ('18)

Sedalia ('15)
 Sikeston ('12)
 Springfield ('18)
 St. Charles ('15)
 St. Charles County ('15)
 St. Louis ('18)
 St. Louis County ('18)
 St. Peters ('15)
 Troy ('15)
 University City ('12)
 Webster Groves ('15)
 Wright City ('15)

Nevada

Boulder City ('12)
 Carson City ('18)
 Clark County ('18)
 Fernley ('18)
 Henderson ('12)
 Humboldt County ('18*)
 Las Vegas ('18)
 North Las Vegas ('18)
 Sparks ('18)
 Storey County ('18)
 Washoe County ('12)
 West Wendover ('12)
 Winnemucca ('12)

Ohio

Grove City ('18)

South Carolina

Aiken ('18)
 Charleston ('18)
 Clemson ('18)
 Edisto Beach ('15)
 Fort Mill ('18)
 Georgetown County ('12)
 Goose Creek ('18)
 Greenville County ('15)
 Lancaster County ('18)
 Moncks Corner ('18)
 Myrtle Beach ('15)
 Oconee County ('15)
 Seneca ('18)
 Summerville ('18)
 Surfside Beach ('18)
 Westminster ('12)

Tennessee

Alcoa ('18)
 Brentwood ('12)
 Farragut ('18)
 Gallatin ('15)
 Hendersonville ('18)
 Knox County ('18)
 Lincoln County ('18)
 Mount Juliet ('12)
 Murfreesboro ('18)

Piperton ('18)
 Roane County ('12)
 Rossville ('18)
 Rutherford County ('18)
 Smyrna ('18)
 White House ('12)

Texas

Addison ('18)
 Alvin ('18)
 Amarillo ('15)
 Andrews ('15)
 Angleton ('12)
 Arlington ('18)
 Austin ('18)
 Bangs ('18)
 Bastrop ('18)
 Bedford ('18)
 Bellaire ('18)
 Bells ('15)
 Belton ('15)
 Benbrook ('18)
 Brenham ('15)
 Bunker Hill ('18)
 Canton ('15)
 Canyon ('15)
 Carrollton ('18)
 Cedar Park ('15)
 Celina ('18)
 Cibolo ('12)
 Cleveland ('15)
 Clute ('15)
 Corinth ('18)
 Corpus Christi ('18)
 Del Rio ('15)
 DeSoto ('18)
 Euless ('15)
 Ferris ('15)
 Freeport ('15)
 Frisco ('18)
 Ft. Worth ('18)
 Fulshear ('15)
 Galveston ('12)
 Grand Prairie ('15)
 Groesbeck ('18)
 Gun Barrel City ('15)
 Haslet ('15)
 Helotes ('18)
 Huntsville ('15)
 Hurst ('15)
 Jersey Village ('18)
 Katy ('15)
 Kerrville ('18)
 Kilgore ('12)
 Killeen ('15)
 Kyle ('15)
 La Grange ('18)
 La Porte ('18)
 LaMarque ('18)
 Lancaster ('15)
 Live Oak ('18)
 Lucas ('15)
 Mansfield ('18)
 Manvel ('12)
 McAllen ('12)
 McKinney ('18)
 Meadows Place ('12)
 Missouri City ('15)
 Mont Belvieu ('15)
 Montgomery ('15)
 New Braunfels ('18)
 Nolanville ('15)
 North Richland Hills ('18)
 Oak Leaf ('12)
 Palacios ('12)
 Pattison ('18)
 Pearland ('18)
 Pecos ('15)
 Pharr ('12)
 Plainview ('15)
 Plano ('18)
 Pleasanton ('15)
 Portland ('15)
 Princeton ('15)
 Red Oak ('12)
 Richmond ('15)
 Roanoke ('18)
 Rosenberg ('18)
 Round Rock ('15)
 Saginaw ('18)
 San Antonio ('18)
 San Saba ('15)
 Santa Fe ('12)
 Schertz ('12)
 Seagoville ('18)
 Seguin ('15)
 Shoreacres ('15)
 South Lake ('18)
 Southside Place ('18)
 Spring Valley ('18)
 Taylor Lake Village ('18)
 Tool ('15)
 Universal City ('15)
 Uvalde ('15)
 Waco ('15)
 Watauga ('18)
 Webster ('15)
 West University Place ('12)
 Wharton ('12)
 Wylie ('12)

Wyoming

Rawlins ('15)
 Thermopolis ('18)

Cayman Islands ('15)

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<https://www.phta.org/standards-and-codes/ispsc/>



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Re: SB 319 – Support

Dear Chairman Smith:

This letter is in regard to the state of Maryland’s consideration of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC).

While most Jurisdictions in Maryland have some form of existing pool and spa regulations, most lack a comprehensive code or laws that address design, construction, and safety of pools and spas leaving a patchwork of regulations across Maryland. SB 319 will remedy this by adopting the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) which is the only code that is coordinated and correlated with the other building codes adopted in Maryland. The ISPSC is the first national code for swimming pools and spas ever created and the only code to address all aspects of public and residential pool and spa design and construction addressing quality, safety, and energy and conservation. **This bill will help to provide consistency to builders, operators, and even manufacturers’ representatives who deal with pools and spas across Maryland, DC, and Virginia.**

The ISPSC will establish minimum regulations for public and residential pools, spas, and hot tubs using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. Additional benefits of the ISPSC include:

- Seamless integration with the most widely used model codes in North America, the International Building Code® (IBC®) and International Residential Code® (IRC®).

- Meets or exceeds the requirements of the federal Virginia Graeme Baker Act for suction entrapment avoidance.

- Covers fencing, decks, lighting, heaters, circulation systems, pumps, accessibility, diving, sanitizing equipment, filters, and suction fittings.

- Includes provisions for pools and facilities geared specifically for water parks, along with provisions based on the latest research for diving, barriers, general design, and water quality safety.

- All necessary provisions in one book. The ISPSC combines the provisions of the relevant sections of the IRC, IBC, IPC®, and IMC®, and the APSP standards, serving as a fully-integrated document for pool and spa safety.

Our members in the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of PHTA reach from Maryland, through DC, and into Northern Virginia. The ISPSC is already the requirement for two of the three branches of our chapter. We believe, that by adopting the ISPSC in Maryland, the state will come in line with what most of our membership already considers to be the law of the land. It will only help to streamline the processes for all parties involved, especially contractors working throughout each of our member states.

We strongly urge the committee to pass SB 319 in Maryland.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable William C. Smith Jr.
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RE: Support SB 319 Public Safety - Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards - Adoption

Dear Chairman Smith:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB 319 Public Safety - Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards - Adoption**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill Requires the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt by regulation the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as the Maryland Swimming pool and Spa Standards. MBIA believe that this would be a positive-steps towards improving the health and safety of public pools and spas. MBIA also appreciates the state limiting their intervention in the maintenance and care of private property where owners have limited funds and cannot afford to make yearly upgrades to their facilities.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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LEGISLATIVE POSITION:

Favorable

Senate Bill 319

Public Safety – Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards - Adoption

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 5,500 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

According to a 2015 report by the Maryland Department of Health, drowning was the 2nd leading cause of death for children aged 5-14 in the state. Unlike statewide building codes, requirements for residential pools and spas are vastly different in each jurisdiction, which creates a patchwork of regulations that industry members must comply with. In addition, most of these regulations are severely outdated with some being over 20 years old.

SB 319 seeks to bring conformity to Maryland swimming pool and spa standards by adopting the most recent edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC). This code is based on scientifically proven practices for drowning prevention and energy efficiency and will follow the same process that Maryland employs for the adoption of the International Building Code, International Residential, and International Energy Conservation Code.

SB 319 provides numerous benefits to citizens and business owners in the State. Most importantly, the ISPSC enhances residential pool barrier requirements which dramatically reduce the risk of drowning. SB 319 also provides access to Consumer Product Safety Commission training grants, Statewide training on code compliance, and requires that provisions of this code be easily accessible and free for public viewing. SB 319 is a great example of government support for the modernization of regulations that impact Maryland citizens every day.

With these comments in mind, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a **favorable report** on **SB 319**.

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