



POOL AND SPA SAFETY

Issue: Each year, children needlessly drown in swimming pools by drowning and entrapment. The Pool and Spa Safety Act (H.R. 1721) intends to decrease drowning incidents, especially those caused by entrapment. The bill requires all new pools and spas to be equipped with drain covers which prevent drowning by entrapment. The bill also provides a grant program which encourages states to enact pool and spa safety precautions in order to be eligible for grant funds.

Status: The House and Senate approved language from the bill as part of an energy bill that was signed by the President in December, 2007. The provisions will go into effect December 19, 2008.

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