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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring public pools and spas to be equipped with
1.3 anti-entrapment devices or systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections
1.4 144.1222, subdivision 1a, by adding subdivisions; 157.16, as amended.

1.5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.1222, subdivision 1a, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 1a. **Fees.** All plans and specifications for public swimming pool and spa
1.9 construction, installation, or alteration or requests for a variance that are submitted to the
1.10 commissioner according to Minnesota Rules, part 4717.3975, shall be accompanied by the
1.11 appropriate fees. All public pool construction plans submitted for review after January
1.12 1, 2009, must be certified by a professional engineer registered in Minnesota. If the
1.13 commissioner determines, upon review of the plans, that inadequate fees were paid, the
1.14 necessary additional fees shall be paid before plan approval. For purposes of determining
1.15 fees, a project is defined as a proposal to construct or install a public pool, spa, special
1.16 purpose pool, or wading pool and all associated water treatment equipment and drains,
1.17 gutters, decks, water recreation features, spray pads, and those design and safety features
1.18 that are within five feet of any pool or spa. The commissioner shall charge the following
1.19 fees for plan review and inspection of public pools and spas and for requests for variance
1.20 from the public pool and spa rules:

1.21 (1) each ~~spa~~ pool, ~~\$500~~ \$800;

1.22 (2) ~~projects valued at \$250,000 or less, a minimum of \$800 per pool plus: each~~
1.23 spa pool, \$500;

1.24 ~~(3) for each slide, an additional \$400; and~~

- 2.1 ~~(ii) for each spa pool, an additional \$500;~~
 2.2 ~~(3)~~ (4) projects valued at \$250,000 or more, the greater of the sum of the fees in
 2.3 clauses (1), (2), and (3) or 0.5 percent of the documented estimated project cost to a
 2.4 maximum fee of \$10,000;
 2.5 ~~(4)~~ (5) alterations to an existing pool without changing the size or configuration
 2.6 of the pool, \$400;
 2.7 ~~(5)~~ (6) removal or replacement of pool disinfection equipment only, \$75; and
 2.8 ~~(6)~~ (7) request for variance from the public pool and spa rules, \$500.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.1222, is amended by adding a subdivision
 2.10 to read:

2.11 Subd. 1b. **Public pool construction.** All public pools constructed after December
 2.12 19, 2008, must contain two or more main drains, connected in parallel, per suction pump
 2.13 with drain covers that meet ASME/ANSI standards.

2.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.1222, is amended by adding a subdivision
 2.15 to read:

2.16 Subd. 1c. **Public pools; required equipment.** (a) Beginning December 19, 2008,
 2.17 all public pools with the deepest water being less than four feet deep must meet the
 2.18 requirements in paragraph (b). Beginning December 19, 2009, all other existing pools
 2.19 must meet the requirements in paragraph (b).

2.20 (b) Each public pool with a single main drain, other than an unblockable drain, must
 2.21 be equipped, at a minimum, with one or more of the devices or systems listed in clauses
 2.22 (1) to (6) designed to prevent entrapment by pool or spa drains:

2.23 (1) a safety vacuum release system that ceases operation of the pump, reverses
 2.24 the circulation flow, or otherwise provides a vacuum release at a suction outlet when a
 2.25 blockage is detected, that has been tested by an independent third party and found to
 2.26 conform to ASME/ANSI standard A112.19.17 or ASTM standard F2387;

2.27 (2) a suction-limiting vent system with a tamper-resistant atmospheric opening;

2.28 (3) a gravity drainage system that utilizes a collector tank;

2.29 (4) an automatic pump shut-off system;

2.30 (5) a device or system that disables the drain; or

2.31 (6) any other system determined by the commissioner to be equally effective as, or
 2.32 better than, the systems listed in this paragraph at preventing or eliminating the risk of
 2.33 injury or death associated with pool drainage systems.

3.1 (c) Any device or system described in this subdivision must meet the requirements
3.2 of any ASME/ANSI or ASTM performance standard applicable to the device or system, or
3.3 any other subsequent consumer product safety standard applicable to the device or system.

3.4 (d) Beginning June 1, 2008, all drain covers and grates must be installed with
3.5 stainless steel or brass screws.

3.6 (e) Prior to the compliance dates in paragraph (a), public pools that are less than four
3.7 feet deep may not open for the season until the owner certifies to the commissioner on a
3.8 form prescribed by the commissioner that:

3.9 (1) all outlets except for unblockable drains are equipped with antivortex covers that
3.10 have been stamped by the manufacturer that they are in compliance with ASME/ANSI
3.11 standards; and

3.12 (2) all covers and grates, including mounting rings, have been inspected to ensure
3.13 that they have been properly installed and are not broken or loose.

3.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.1222, is amended by adding a subdivision
3.15 to read:

3.16 Subd. 1d. **Safety inspections.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2009, a public pool may not
3.17 open for the season until an inspection has been performed by the appropriate authorities.
3.18 As part of this inspection, the outlet covers and grates must be inspected to ensure that
3.19 they are not missing, broken, or loose; have been properly installed; and that they meet
3.20 ASME/ANSI standards.

3.21 (b) The pool operator is required to inspect the drain covers and grates on a daily
3.22 basis. The record required under Minnesota Rules, part 4717.0750, must indicate that this
3.23 inspection was completed every day the pool is open for use.

3.24 (c) If at any time an outlet cover or grate is missing, broken, or loose, the pool
3.25 must be closed immediately and may not be reopened until the cover or grate has been
3.26 replaced and properly installed.

3.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.1222, is amended by adding a subdivision
3.28 to read:

3.29 Subd. 4. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
3.30 the meanings given them.

3.31 (b) "ASME/ANSI standard" means a safety standard accredited by the American
3.32 National Standards Institute and published by the American Society of Mechanical
3.33 Engineers.

4.1 (c) "ASTM standard" means a safety standard issued by ASTM International,
4.2 formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials.

4.3 (d) "Public pool" means any pool that is open to the public generally, whether for a
4.4 fee or free of charge; open exclusively to members of an organization and their guests;
4.5 residents of a multiunit apartment building, apartment complex, residential real estate
4.6 development, or other multifamily residential area; or patrons of a hotel, lodging, or other
4.7 public accommodation facility; or operated by a person in a park, school, licensed child
4.8 care facility, group home, motel, camp, resort, club, condominium, manufactured home
4.9 park, or political subdivision with the exception of swimming pools at family day care
4.10 homes licensed under section 245A.14, subdivision 11, paragraph (a).

4.11 (e) "Unblockable drain" means a drain of any size and shape that a human body
4.12 cannot sufficiently block to create a suction entrapment hazard.

4.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 157.16, as amended by Laws 2007, chapter
4.14 147, article 9, section 34, is amended to read:

4.15 **157.16 LICENSES REQUIRED; FEES.**

4.16 Subdivision 1. **License required annually.** A license is required annually for
4.17 every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of conducting a food and
4.18 beverage service establishment, hotel, motel, lodging establishment, public pool, or
4.19 resort. Any person wishing to operate a place of business licensed in this section shall
4.20 first make application, pay the required fee specified in this section, and receive approval
4.21 for operation, including plan review approval. Seasonal and temporary food stands and
4.22 special event food stands are not required to submit plans. Nonprofit organizations
4.23 operating a special event food stand with multiple locations at an annual one-day event
4.24 shall be issued only one license. Application shall be made on forms provided by the
4.25 commissioner and shall require the applicant to state the full name and address of the
4.26 owner of the building, structure, or enclosure, the lessee and manager of the food and
4.27 beverage service establishment, hotel, motel, lodging establishment, public pool, or resort;
4.28 the name under which the business is to be conducted; and any other information as may
4.29 be required by the commissioner to complete the application for license.

4.30 Subd. 2. **License renewal.** Initial and renewal licenses for all food and beverage
4.31 service establishments, hotels, motels, lodging establishments, public pools, and resorts
4.32 shall be issued for the calendar year for which application is made and shall expire
4.33 on December 31 of such year. Any person who operates a place of business after the
4.34 expiration date of a license or without having submitted an application and paid the fee
4.35 shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this chapter and shall be subject to

5.1 enforcement action, as provided in the Health Enforcement Consolidation Act, sections
5.2 144.989 to 144.993. In addition, a penalty of \$50 shall be added to the total of the license
5.3 fee for any food and beverage service establishment operating without a license as a
5.4 mobile food unit, a seasonal temporary or seasonal permanent food stand, or a special
5.5 event food stand, and a penalty of \$100 shall be added to the total of the license fee for all
5.6 restaurants, food carts, hotels, motels, lodging establishments, public pools, and resorts
5.7 operating without a license for a period of up to 30 days. A late fee of \$300 shall be added
5.8 to the license fee for establishments operating more than 30 days without a license.

5.9 Subd. 2a. **Food manager certification.** An applicant for certification or certification
5.10 renewal as a food manager must submit to the commissioner a \$28 nonrefundable
5.11 certification fee payable to the Department of Health.

5.12 Subd. 3. **Establishment fees; definitions.** (a) The following fees are required for
5.13 food and beverage service establishments, hotels, motels, lodging establishments, public
5.14 pools, and resorts licensed under this chapter. Food and beverage service establishments
5.15 must pay the highest applicable fee under paragraph (d), clause (1), (2), (3), or (4), and
5.16 establishments serving alcohol must pay the highest applicable fee under paragraph (d),
5.17 clause (6) or (7). The license fee for new operators previously licensed under this chapter
5.18 for the same calendar year is one-half of the appropriate annual license fee, plus any
5.19 penalty that may be required. The license fee for operators opening on or after October 1
5.20 is one-half of the appropriate annual license fee, plus any penalty that may be required.

5.21 (b) All food and beverage service establishments, except special event food stands,
5.22 and all hotels, motels, lodging establishments, public pools, and resorts shall pay an
5.23 annual base fee of \$150.

5.24 (c) A special event food stand shall pay a flat fee of \$40 annually. "Special event
5.25 food stand" means a fee category where food is prepared or served in conjunction with
5.26 celebrations, county fairs, or special events from a special event food stand as defined
5.27 in section 157.15.

5.28 (d) In addition to the base fee in paragraph (b), each food and beverage service
5.29 establishment, other than a special event food stand, and each hotel, motel, lodging
5.30 establishment, public pool, and resort shall pay an additional annual fee for each fee
5.31 category, additional food service, or required additional inspection specified in this
5.32 paragraph:

5.33 (1) Limited food menu selection, \$50. "Limited food menu selection" means a fee
5.34 category that provides one or more of the following:

5.35 (i) prepackaged food that receives heat treatment and is served in the package;

5.36 (ii) frozen pizza that is heated and served;

- 6.1 (iii) a continental breakfast such as rolls, coffee, juice, milk, and cold cereal;
6.2 (iv) soft drinks, coffee, or nonalcoholic beverages; or
6.3 (v) cleaning for eating, drinking, or cooking utensils, when the only food served
6.4 is prepared off site.

6.5 (2) Small establishment, including boarding establishments, \$100. "Small
6.6 establishment" means a fee category that has no salad bar and meets one or more of
6.7 the following:

- 6.8 (i) possesses food service equipment that consists of no more than a deep fat fryer, a
6.9 grill, two hot holding containers, and one or more microwave ovens;
6.10 (ii) serves dipped ice cream or soft serve frozen desserts;
6.11 (iii) serves breakfast in an owner-occupied bed and breakfast establishment;
6.12 (iv) is a boarding establishment; or
6.13 (v) meets the equipment criteria in clause (3), item (i) or (ii), and has a maximum
6.14 patron seating capacity of not more than 50.

6.15 (3) Medium establishment, \$260. "Medium establishment" means a fee category
6.16 that meets one or more of the following:

- 6.17 (i) possesses food service equipment that includes a range, oven, steam table, salad
6.18 bar, or salad preparation area;
6.19 (ii) possesses food service equipment that includes more than one deep fat fryer,
6.20 one grill, or two hot holding containers; or
6.21 (iii) is an establishment where food is prepared at one location and served at one or
6.22 more separate locations.

6.23 Establishments meeting criteria in clause (2), item (v), are not included in this fee
6.24 category.

6.25 (4) Large establishment, \$460. "Large establishment" means either:

- 6.26 (i) a fee category that (A) meets the criteria in clause (3), items (i) or (ii), for a
6.27 medium establishment, (B) seats more than 175 people, and (C) offers the full menu
6.28 selection an average of five or more days a week during the weeks of operation; or
6.29 (ii) a fee category that (A) meets the criteria in clause (3), item (iii), for a medium
6.30 establishment, and (B) prepares and serves 500 or more meals per day.

6.31 (5) Other food and beverage service, including food carts, mobile food units,
6.32 seasonal temporary food stands, and seasonal permanent food stands, \$50.

6.33 (6) Beer or wine table service, \$50. "Beer or wine table service" means a fee
6.34 category where the only alcoholic beverage service is beer or wine, served to customers
6.35 seated at tables.

6.36 (7) Alcoholic beverage service, other than beer or wine table service, \$135.

7.1 "Alcohol beverage service, other than beer or wine table service" means a fee
7.2 category where alcoholic mixed drinks are served or where beer or wine are served from
7.3 a bar.

7.4 (8) Lodging per sleeping accommodation unit, \$8, including hotels, motels,
7.5 lodging establishments, and resorts, up to a maximum of \$800. "Lodging per sleeping
7.6 accommodation unit" means a fee category including the number of guest rooms, cottages,
7.7 or other rental units of a hotel, motel, lodging establishment, or resort; or the number of
7.8 beds in a dormitory.

7.9 (9) First public swimming pool, \$180; each additional public swimming pool, \$100.
7.10 "Public swimming pool" means a fee category that has the meaning given in ~~Minnesota~~
7.11 ~~Rules, part 4717.0250, subpart 8~~ section 144.1222, subdivision 4.

7.12 (10) First spa, \$110; each additional spa, \$50. "Spa pool" means a fee category that
7.13 has the meaning given in Minnesota Rules, part 4717.0250, subpart 9.

7.14 (11) Private sewer or water, \$50. "Individual private water" means a fee category
7.15 with a water supply other than a community public water supply as defined in Minnesota
7.16 Rules, chapter 4720. "Individual private sewer" means a fee category with an individual
7.17 sewage treatment system which uses subsurface treatment and disposal.

7.18 (12) Additional food service, \$130. "Additional food service" means a location at
7.19 a food service establishment, other than the primary food preparation and service area,
7.20 used to prepare or serve food to the public.

7.21 (13) Additional inspection fee, \$300. "Additional inspection fee" means a fee to
7.22 conduct the second inspection each year for elementary and secondary education facility
7.23 school lunch programs when required by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
7.24 Act.

7.25 (e) A fee of \$350 for review of the construction plans must accompany the initial
7.26 license application for restaurants, hotels, motels, lodging establishments, or resorts with
7.27 five or more sleeping units.

7.28 (f) When existing food and beverage service establishments, hotels, motels, lodging
7.29 establishments, or resorts are extensively remodeled, a fee of \$250 must be submitted
7.30 with the remodeling plans. A fee of \$250 must be submitted for new construction or
7.31 remodeling for a restaurant with a limited food menu selection, a seasonal permanent
7.32 food stand, a mobile food unit, or a food cart, or for a hotel, motel, resort, or lodging
7.33 establishment addition of less than five sleeping units.

7.34 (g) Seasonal temporary food stands and special event food stands are not required to
7.35 submit construction or remodeling plans for review.

8.1 Subd. 3a. **Statewide hospitality fee.** Every person, firm, or corporation that
8.2 operates a licensed boarding establishment, food and beverage service establishment,
8.3 seasonal temporary or permanent food stand, special event food stand, mobile food unit,
8.4 food cart, resort, hotel, motel, or lodging establishment in Minnesota must submit to the
8.5 commissioner a \$35 annual statewide hospitality fee for each licensed activity. The fee
8.6 for establishments licensed by the Department of Health is required at the same time the
8.7 licensure fee is due. For establishments licensed by local governments, the fee is due by
8.8 July 1 of each year.

8.9 Subd. 4. **Posting requirements.** Every food and beverage service establishment,
8.10 hotel, motel, lodging establishment, public pool, or resort must have the license posted in
8.11 a conspicuous place at the establishment.

8.12 Sec. 7. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

8.13 The revisor of statutes shall change the public pool definition in Minnesota Rules,
8.14 part 4717.0250, subpart 8, with the following language: "public pool" means any pool that
8.15 is open to the public generally, whether for a fee or free of charge; open exclusively to
8.16 members of an organization and their guests; residents of a multiunit apartment building,
8.17 apartment complex, residential real estate development, or other multifamily residential
8.18 area; or patrons of a hotel, lodging, or other public accommodation facility; or operated by
8.19 a person in a park, school, licensed child care facility, group home, motel, camp, resort,
8.20 club, condominium, manufactured home park, or political subdivision with the exception
8.21 of swimming pools at family day care homes licensed under Minnesota Statutes, section
8.22 245A.14, subdivision 11, paragraph (a).

8.23 Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8.24 Sections 1 to 6 are effective the day following final enactment.