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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires certain safety requirements for public pools and requires that drains and covers in public pools are inspected daily.

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- 1 Fees.** Amends § 144.1222, subd. 1a. Requires that all public pool construction plans submitted after January 1, 2009 , must be certified by a professional engineer registered in the state. Modifies the fees for plan review and inspection of public pools and spas.
- 2 Public pool construction.** Amends § 144.1222 by adding subd. 1c. Requires that all pools constructed after January 1, 2009 , without a gravity outlet or drain, must have each pump connected to at least two suction outlets, connected in parallel with suction outlet covers.
- 3 Public pools; required equipment.** Amends § 144.1222 by adding subd. 1c. (a) Requires that public pools that are less than four feet deep must meet certain safety requirements by January 1, 2010 .

(b) Requires all other existing pools to meet certain safety standards by January 1, 2011 .

(c) Requires all drain covers and grates be installed with screws meeting manufacturer's specifications, by June 1, 2008 .

(d) Requires that by July 1, 2008 , and each year after that, all public pool owners certify as to the required safety features to the commissioner.
- 4 Safety inspections.** Amends § 144.1222 by adding subd. 1d. (a) Requires that pool

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operators physically inspect drain covers and grates daily, and keep a record of these daily inspections.

(b) States that anytime an outlet cover or grate is missing, broken, or loose the pool must be closed and may not reopen until it is replaced or installed according to the manufacturer's specifications.

5 Definitions. Amends § 144.1222 by adding subd. 4. Provides definitions of the following terms: "ASME/ANSI standard," "ASTM standard," "public pool," and "unblockable suction outlet or drain."

6 Swimming ponds exemption. Amends § 144.1222, by adding subd. 5. Exempts certain swimming ponds from the regulations on public pools. Requires that swimming ponds meet the drain and safety inspection requirements provided in subdivisions 1c and 1d. States that this subdivision expires June 30, 2011 .

7 Licenses required; fees. Amends § 157.16. Modifies licensure and fee provisions related to food, beverage, and lodging establishments by explicitly including public pools. Requires licensure, license renewal, and fees for businesses operating public pools and requires that the license is posted at the establishment.

8 Inspections. Amends § 157.20, subd. 1. Adds public pools to the list of establishments that the commissioner of health has the duty to inspect.

9 Risk categories. Amends § 157.20, subd. 2a. Classifies public pools as "high-risk establishments."

10 Revisor's instruction. Instructs the Revisor to change the definition of "public pool" in Minnesota Rules, section 4717.0250, and states the new definition.

11 Effective date. Provides an immediate effective date for sections 1 to 5.