

PHTA GR Priorities/Key Issues as of March 8

International Swimming Pool & Spa Code (ISPSC) Adoption:

[Arkansas](#): This measure creates "Alex's Law" to improve the safety of residential swimming pools and prevent child drownings by requiring owners to construct safety barriers around pools. PHTA, along with the International Code Council (ICC), have engaged with the bill sponsor and regulatory agencies on this legislation. Concerns exist from regulatory agencies that the bill as written would be difficult to enforce and industry is looking to align with barrier provisions found in the International Swimming Pool & Spa Code (ISPSC). Currently, we are working on a compromise that would amend the proposed legislation to require distribution of pool safety pamphlets to Arkansan residents building pools or spas, and create a workgroup for the purpose of looking at the best way to address pool safety, including adopting the International Swimming Pool & Spa Code (ISPSC). The workgroup would require the Department of Health, PHTA, the ICC, and other stakeholders to collaborate and agree upon what ultimately be future legislation. PHTA members in Arkansas are encouraged to participate with this effort by contacting PHTA. **Status: Introduced.**

[Maryland](#): House Bill 109 (ISPSC state-wide adoption) was passed as amended by the full House of Delegates 94-36. HB 109 will now move onto the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee for a hearing. **Status: Passed the House of Delegates on 3/5/2021.**

[Maryland](#): The hearing for SB 254 (ISPSC Adoption), which is the cross-file of HB 109, was heard in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on February 3rd. Two Senators on the Committee challenged PHTA and the ICC as to why the ISPSC was needed in Maryland. PHTA and the ICC reinforced the need for the ISPSC and circled back with the Senators after the hearing. Their concerns have been satisfied. Click on this embedded link if you would like to watch video of the [hearing](#). **Status: Hearing held on 2/3/2021.**

[Missouri](#): This measure provides for the state-wide adoption of the ISPSC. PHTA will convene a conference call with the sponsor prior to the bill hearing. The proposed legislation has yet to be scheduled for a hearing date. **Status: Introduced.**

[Virginia](#): The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development has adopted an updated version of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. This updated version includes moving from the 2015 to the 2018 *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code* (ISPSC), with state-specific amendments. The state-specific amendments to the ISPSC include additional language on shower requirements. This adoption was published in the Virginia Register of Regulations March 1, 2021 and will be effective July 1, 2021. Click on this embedded link if you would like to see the updated version in its entirety.

[Arlington City, Texas](#): On January 26, 2021, the City Council adopted the 2018 Edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC). The ISPSC will become effective 30 days after adoption (February 25, 2021).

[Glendale, Colorado](#): The City Council held a public hearing to consider the adoption of the ISPSC on February 2, 2021.

[Kerrville, Texas:](#) The City Council approved the ISPSC January 26, 2021. The ISPSC went into effect on February 9, 2021.

[Las Vegas, Nevada:](#) The City Council considered the adoption of the ISPSC on January 6, 2021.

[Rowlett, Texas:](#) The City Council was scheduled to vote on the adoption of the ISPSC on February 16th but had to postpone the council meeting due to the weather.

Portable Electric Spas Energy Efficiency (APSP-14 Standard):

[Arizona:](#) SB 1764 sets minimum efficiency standards for certain appliances, most notably portable electric spas. The bill also requires portable electric spas to meet the APSP-14 Standard. **Status: Introduced on 2/3/2021.**

[California:](#) Docket # 20-AAER-04 – rulemaking for portable electric spas is tentatively scheduled for March, 2021.

[Connecticut:](#) SB 683 requires portable electric spas to meet the requirements of the APSP-14 standard. PHTA has submitted written testimony to the committee in support of SB 683. **Status: Hearing held on 2/18/2021.**

[Hawaii:](#) House Bill 116 modifies the rulemaking authority of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Chief Energy Officer and establishes appliance efficiency standards for air purifiers and portable electric spas. Portable electric spas must meet the requirements of the American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Energy Efficiency ANSI/APSP/ICC 14-2019. The bill is sponsored by the Chairman of the Committee. PHTA supports this legislation and submitted written testimony in support of the bill prior to the hearing.

HB 116 passed the full House of Representatives with only one vote in the negative and has officially been introduced in the Senate. **Status: Passed the House of Representatives on 3/4/2021.**

[Illinois:](#) HB 2555 establishes appliance efficiency standards for certain appliances including portable electric spas. Portable electric spas must meet the requirements of the American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Energy Efficiency ANSI/APSP/ICC 14-2019. **Status: introduced.**

[Maryland:](#) The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) introduced legislation that would adopt regulations establishing certain efficiency standards for certain products and appliances. At the request of PHTA, amendments were added that would adopt the latest APSP-14 standard for energy efficiency of portable electric spas. PHTA provided written and oral testimony in support of the amendments. Senate Bill 418 passed the full Senate 47-0 as amended and will move onto the House Economic Matters Committee for a hearing. Please click on the embedded link if you would like to watch the hearing. **Status: Passed the Senate on 3/5/2021.**

[Massachusetts:](#) This climate policy measure added definitions and product requirements to the Massachusetts Appliance Efficiency Standards Act from another piece of legislation, which included adopting the latest APSP 14 portable spa energy efficiency standard. The Governor vetoed this legislation (S. 2995) at the end of the 2020 legislative session stating that he did not have sufficient time to review the omnibus measure and return it with amendments and suggestions by the adjournment of the legislative session on January 5, 2021.

This legislation was re-filed in its original form as S. 9 at the start of the 2021 legislative session. S. 9 sailed through the legislature to Governor Baker's desk. Although it includes the APSP-14 Standard requirements for portable electric spas, which PHTA supports on behalf of our hot tub segment, it also puts in place policies that would make it more difficult to use natural or propane gas, which could negatively affect our members who manufacturer or install pool, spa, or other features that use gas heating. PHTA sent a letter to Governor Baker advocating to keep the APSP-14 Standard for portable electric spas but veto provisions that negatively affect the use of natural or propane gas. Governor Baker returned S. 9 back to the legislature with suggested amendments. **Status: Returned to Senate with amendments on 2/8/2021.**

[Massachusetts](#): SD 2057 adds definitions and product requirements to the Massachusetts Appliance Efficiency Standards Act and would adopt the APSP-14 Standard for portable electric spas. **Status: introduced.**

[New Jersey](#): This measure sets up-to-date efficiency standards for certain residential and commercial products based on ENERGY STAR and Water Sense specifications and prohibits individuals from selling or leasing certain products unless they meet the efficiency standards. A hearing was held on February 24th in the Assembly (House) Telecommunications and Utilities Committee. The Committee added technical amendments and voted favorably. PHTA provided written and oral testimony in support of this legislation to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee prior to the hearing. **Status: Approved with amendments by the Assembly Telecommunications Committee on 2/24/2021.**

[New Jersey](#): This measure sets up-to-date efficiency standards for certain residential and commercial products based on ENERGY STAR and Water Sense specifications and prohibits individuals from selling or leasing certain products unless they meet the efficiency standards. A hearing was held on March 4th in the Senate Environment and Energy Committee. PHTA provided written and oral testimony in support of this legislation. **Status: A hearing was held on 3/4/2021.**

[Oregon](#): The hearing for House Bill 2062 was heard in the House Energy and Environment Committee on February 3rd. PHTA provided written testimony in support. HB 2062 would establish energy efficiency standards for high color-rendering index fluorescent lamps, portable electric spas, computers, computer monitors, and electric storage water heaters used by the citizens of Oregon. PHTA provided written testimony in support of HB 2062. **Status: Hearing held on 2/3/2021.**

***Note** – the standards for portable electric spas proposed by HB 2062 were submitted through the rulemaking process on August 28, 2020, by the Oregon Department of Energy. The rule changes will become effective on September 1, 2021.

[Rhode Island](#): HB 5966 imposes new energy and conservation standards for appliances and consumer electronics and requires portable electric spas to meet the ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 requirements. **Status: Introduced.**

[Rhode Island](#): SB 339 revises minimum energy and water efficiency standards for appliances and equipment and requires portable electric spas to meet the ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 requirements. **Status: Introduced.**

Pool Pump, Motor or Heater Energy Efficiency Standards:

[Connecticut](#): SB 683 establishes new efficiency standards for appliances and products in the state and provides the definitions for such products. SB 683 requires residential pool pumps and pool heaters to meet federal requirements. **Status: Hearing Scheduled for 2/18/2021.**

Licensing/Certification/Training:

[Massachusetts](#): HD 1210 was sponsored by PHTA in the previous legislative session and ran out of time before the legislature adjourned. HB 1210 requires the Board of Building Regulations to adopt a swimming pool construction and installation work license and a swimming pool maintenance, service, and repair work license. This measure imposes a fine on unlicensed persons who engage in work that requires a license, advertises themselves as licensed when they are not, or engage in work after the expiration of their license. **Status: Introduced on 2/3/2021.**

[Montana](#): Senate Bill 152 would allow the Department of Public Health and Human Services to adopt rules relating to the licensing of operators of public swimming pools and bathing places. The measure would allow the Department's rules to allow for CPR training, pool operator certification, and lifeguarding training to be conducted in person, online, or other virtual methods. Historically, Montana has resisted online CPO training. PHTA is actively seeking to engage with the sponsor to offer supporting testimony. PHTA supports this legislation and provided written testimony in advance of the hearing.

Senate Bill 152 was passed out of the Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee on February 11th with amendments. The amendments eliminate online training for lifeguarding but maintains CPO online training. **Status: Approved with amendments by the Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee on 2/11/2021.**

Swimming Pool & Hot Tub Safety and Education:

[California](#): AB 441 amends the Health and Safety Code, adding new sections relating to the regulation of wave basins, providing rulemaking authority, provides penalties, and defining terms. Wave basins must be operated in accordance with water safety programs that include specialized water safety personnel, training, procedures, and equipment. The components of the program must comply with the most current applicable guidelines from the American Red Cross or applicable certifying entity. **Status: Introduced on 2/4/2021.**

[California](#): SB 736 amends the Business and Professions Code and the Health and Safety Code, adding provisions relating to inspections of homes with swimming pools and adding requirements for building permits for swimming pools. Home inspections must include an evaluation of the pool or spa to see if any drowning prevention safety features are installed, to determine the condition of any safety features that are present, and to determine whether any installed safety features are approved by ASTM International or meet the requirements in the Health and Safety Code. **Status: Introduced on 2/19/2021.**

[New Hampshire](#): This measure requires pools on foreclosed properties to be covered or have a net. A hearing was held on January 26, 2021 for HB 166 before the House Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee. PHTA has made numerous attempts to contact the sponsor to discuss potential amendments that would reference the ASTM Standard. **Status: Hearing held on 1/26/2021.**

[New York:](#) Senate Bill 959 would allocate funds for swimming education in a public school. The commissioner would establish a working group who will carry out the study. The report must be submitted to the legislature and include their findings and recommendations reporting on swimming education in a public school. PHTA supports this legislation and is actively attempting to be amended into the bill as a member of the workgroup that would be established. **Status: Introduced on 1/5/2021.**

Prop 65:

[California:](#) California Proposition 65 (Regulation ID CA62818), would limit use of the short-form version of the safe harbor warning, was published in the California Register. Comments are due 3/29/2021. After comments are due, staff will review the rule and any comments received.

Other Areas:

[Maryland:](#) The Maryland Health Department convened a stakeholder meeting to discuss potential regulations involving splash pads, equipment room, and suction entrapment. PHTA participated and will continue to engage, recognizing that the legislation to adopt the ISPSC most likely will also coincide with any proposed rule changes.

[Pennsylvania:](#) There are plans to reintroduce legislation on legionella (SB 1285, 2020) for the 2021 session. An Act providing for legionnaire's disease prevention and reporting and imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health. The embedded link provides the text for SB 1285, 2020. **Status: Legislation has yet to be filed.**