

Committee on Regulated Industries

CS/HB 463 — Community Association Pools

by Professions and Public Health Subcommittee and Rep. Roach and others (CS/SB 902 by Regulated Industries Committee and Senator Rodrigues)

The bill exempts from supervision by the Department of Health (DOH) swimming pools serving homeowners' associations and other property associations that have no more than 32 units or parcels and are not operated as public lodging establishments. Under the bill, swimming pools in such communities are not required to have a permit issued by the DOH.

The bill authorizes the DOH to supervise such pools when necessary to ensure water quality and for required safety features, such as an anti-entrapment system or device, systems or devices that protect against evisceration and body-and-limb suction entrapment, and systems that cease the operation of the pump when a blockage is detected.

Under the bill, the DOH may impose fines of up to \$500 per violation. The bill also authorizes the county health department or the DOH to bring an action to abate or enjoin the use of an exempted public swimming pool that is a nuisance because it presents a significant risk to public health by failing to meet sanitation and safety standards.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 118-0