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HOUSE BILL NO. 222
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A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-248.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public pools; regulations.
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1 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
2 **1. That § 32.1-248.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**
3   **§ 32.1-248.1. Posting of water quality test results by certain recreational facilities.**
4   *A.* The Board of Health shall promulgate regulations ~~to require the daily posting of water quality test~~
5 ~~results at~~ *governing* swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated for public use ~~or~~*,*
6 *including swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated* in conjunction with a tourist
7 facility or health spa. Such regulations shall ~~require, among other things,~~ *include requirements for (i) water*
8 *treatment and disinfection, (ii)* the *daily* posting of water quality data ~~regarding the current pH level,~~
9 ~~disinfectant type and concentration, and water temperature, and the recommended safe levels of each,~~ *(iii)*
10 *safety equipment and features, (iv) maintenance and safety of equipment and premises, (v) operational*
11 *requirements, (vi) facility staffing, (vii) incident response,* and *(viii) such other provisions as may be*
12 *necessary to protect the public health and safety. Such regulations* shall not *(a)* apply to private residential
13 water recreational facilities, as defined by the Board*, or (b) regulate the design, construction, or maintenance*
14 *of pool structures and equipment as governed by the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.).*
15   *B. Nothing in this section or regulations of the Board shall prohibit any locality from adopting any*
16 *ordinance regarding the operation of swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated for*
17 *public use that are equivalent to or more stringent than the regulations adopted pursuant to this section.*