



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE  
BUILDING CODE AND FIRE SAFETY CODE

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**CODE INFORMATION**

Proposed change to: ☒ Building Code ☐ Fire Safety Code

Code section(s): 2021 305 ISPC

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**PROPOSAL INFORMATION**

Description of change and reason for change (attach additional information as needed):

Make it mandatory to have a physical barrier around inground pools

Proposed text change, addition or deletion (attach additional information as needed):

as written in sec 5 attached

Supporting data and documents (attach additional information as needed)

I have seen the failure of using an auto pool cover to protect lives. Left open for months.(attach

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taken from raised bill # 343 General Assembly Sec 5 (See Attached)

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Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or after July 1, 2024, no local building official shall issue a building permit for the construction or substantial alteration of a swimming pool unless a barrier that complies with the requirements of Section 305 of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code portion of the State Building Code is installed, or is included in the plan for such construction or substantial alteration to be installed, around such pool, except that no powered safety cover, as defined in Section 305 of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, may be installed in lieu of any barrier fence around such pool.

(b) (1) Any owner of a swimming pool that is not subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and that, as of July 1, 2024, is surrounded by a barrier that complies with the requirements of Section 305 of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code portion of the State Building Code, shall maintain such barrier in compliance with said section and shall not be permitted to remove such barrier except for the purposes of replacing or repairing such barrier.

(2) Any owner of a swimming pool that is not subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and that, as of July 1, 2024, is not surrounded by a barrier that complies with the requirements of Section 305 of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code portion of the State Building Code, shall install a barrier that complies with the requirements of said section not later than July 1, 2025.

(c) The provision of Section 305 of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code portion of the State Building Code that permits installation of a powered safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346 as an exception to the requirements of said section shall have no effect and shall not be construed as an exception to the requirement in subsection (a) or (b) of this section for the installation and maintenance of a barrier around a swimming pool that complies with the requirements of said Section 305.

(d) The provisions of this section shall be enforced as if such provisions were included within the State Building Code, except the State Building Inspector may not grant variances or exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternate compliance with, the requirements of this section that would (1) permit the installation of any pool cover or alarm to satisfy any requirement concerning the installation and maintenance of a barrier around a swimming pool, or (2) have a negative impact on safety in the determination of the State Building Inspector.

(e) On or after July 1, 2024, no local building official shall issue a certificate of



compliance or other approval for use for the construction or substantial alteration of a swimming pool unless a barrier that complies with the requirements of Section 305 of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code portion of the State Building Code is installed around such pool, except that no powered safety cover, as defined in Section 305 of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, may be installed in lieu of any barrier fence around such pool.

(f) As soon as practical after the effective date of this section, the Department of Administrative Services shall (1) inform all local building officials of the requirements of this section, and (2) conspicuously post on the Internet web site of the department a notice of the provisions of this section and the provisions of the State Building Code preempted by the provisions of this section.















