



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

DATE SUBMITTED: 10/17/2024

CODE INFORMATION

Proposed change to: [X] Building Code [ ] Fire Safety Code

Code section(s): 2024 International Swimming Pool & Spa code

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PROPOSAL INFORMATION

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

1 Remove fence exemption for powered safety covers 2 Reavie Fence

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

strike "powered safety cover" sect 305.1

Supporting data and documents (attach additional information as needed)

attached NOTE: Marked text in box Re: common Failures

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**SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 5169 Act Concerning the Requirement to Install Swimming Pool Barriers.**

Senator Rahman, Representative Kavros DeGraw, and other esteemed members of the Planning and Development Committee, thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding House Bill 5169- An Act Concerning the Requirement to Install Swimming Pool Barriers.

My name is Ray Rescildo and I am the President & Government Relations Chair of the Connecticut Spa and Pool Association, CONSPA. CONSPA represents Connecticut's swimming pool contractors and industry stakeholders.

Line 7 -9 HB5169 - ...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.

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To the above, powered safety covers do NOT offer satisfactory protection.

These units are prone to fail and gather enough standing water for a drowning.

Mechanical failures are also common, the drive systems "lock" leaving a partially covered pool. The fabrics tear, creating holes which a child can fall through and not be seen. To close a powered cover a willful act is necessary.

Powered safety covers are not suitable for winter deployment in the Northeast, leaving the backyard pool accessible to residents and visitors. They can not bear a snow load.

Home drowning is a consistent leading cause of death for children aged 1 and 4 years old, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Relying on a powered safety cover forces a deadly risk on adjacent property owners and neighborhoods, an unfair choice for the sake of landscape vanity.

I am not only writing today as a pool industry advocate and a swimming pool contractor. I am writing from my most important post, the father of two young children.

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Please move **HOUSE BILL 5169 Act Concerning the Requirement to Install Swimming Pool Barriers** forward.

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Respectfully,  
Ray Rescildo

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