PHTA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ALERTS

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ON THE LEGISLATIVE FRONT

- **California SB 1189:**
  This recently filed measure would create a new classification of contracting business, to be called residential remodeling contracting. The bill would provide that a residential remodeling contractor's principal contracting business is in projects that make improvements to, on, or in an existing residential wood-frame structure. PHTA doesn't believe this segment of the measure would affect our members. The additional part of the measure would expand the definition of ‘home improvement’ to include the reconstruction, restoration, or rebuilding of residential property that is damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster, including swimming pools and spas.

- **Wisconsin AB 895:**
  This legislation will enable the ability for existing aquatic centers to make improvements and for new facilities to be built. AB 895 amends the 2019-2021 Authorized State Building Program to add grants to assist in constructing or making improvements to indoor, athletic or aquatic athletic facilities in the state. The bill authorizes $5,000,000 in general fund supported borrowing for the grants. Each grant may not exceed $1,000,000, and each grant recipient is required to raise non-state funding in an amount equal to at least 50% of the total cost of the project for which the grant is awarded. This is a favorable measure that would enhance aquatic related activities such as swim instructions as well as venues for aquatic events.

- **South Carolina HB 3455:**
  This measure requires the licensure of residential swimming pool contractors. HB 3455 defines residential specialty contractor as an independent contractor who is not a licensed residential builder, who contracts with a licensed residential builder, general contractor, or individual property owner to do construction work, repairs, improvement, or reimprovement which requires special skills and involves the use of specialized construction trades or craft, when the undertakings exceed two hundred dollars and are not regulated. This measure includes “people who install swimming pools” in the definition of “residential specialty contractor.” PHTA is looking at the likelihood of passage for this measure, what exactly it means for pool builders, and is actively seeking additional information. If you build residential pools in South Carolina, please contact PHTA Government Relations Manager, Brendan Scanland at bscanland@phta.org.

Questions or Comments
Email PHTA Government Relations Manager, Brendan Scanland.
ON THE REGULATORY FRONT

- **The North Carolina Department of Insurance, Building Code Council proposed amendments to the state building code and electric code:**

  The Council proposed amendments to the state building codes, including the electric code. One of the changes to the 2017 electric code specifies that Section 680.26(B)(2)(b), which allows for a copper wire alternative to the copper grid bonding requirement, shall only be permitted for aboveground pools and NOT INGROUND POOLS. This would require inground pools to use the copper grid requirements found under Section 680.26(B)(1)(b) when meeting the bonding requirements found in Article 680 of the National Electric Code. Currently, the NEC allows the single wire alternative to the copper grid for both inground and aboveground pools. These proposed changes would eliminate the single wire option and leave only the grid option. PHTA is actively working with stakeholders to combat this change. We will be submitting written comments and will have a presence at the Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Washington Civic Center: 110 Gladden Street, Washington, NC 27889 in the Pamlico Ballroom. If you are interested in making your voice heard via written comments or at the hearing, please email bscanland@phta.org.

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