PHTA Government Relations Alerts
January 15 - 31, 2020

January Recap:
In the month of January, PHTA, with the help of PHTA members and the ICC, worked with state legislators to file a bill in Missouri (MO HB 2157) that would establish the ISPSC as the statewide swimming pool and spa code for municipalities.

PHTA is also assisting the ICC in pushing a similar bill in Utah. Most recently, PHTA worked with members in Texas to provide edits and revisions to newly proposed public pool rules by the Texas Dept. of State Health Services.

ON THE LEGISLATIVE FRONT:

- **Arizona (AZ HB 2553):**
  This measure requires that ALL products sold in Arizona be ENERGY STAR® approved, unless it is a specific product that cannot be ENERGY STAR® approved.

- **Hawaii (HI HB 2227 & SB 3024):**
  These partner bills establish energy efficiency standards on appliances and require ALL portable electric spas to meet the requirements of the ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Energy Efficiency.

- **Missouri (MO HB 2157):**
  HB 2157 would establish the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code “ISPSC” as the county and municipal swimming pool and spa code for all construction, repair, remodeling, enlargement, etc. of all pools and spas in Missouri.

- **Rhode Island (RI HB 7397):**
  This measure would remove the requirement of having a first aid-trained individual on site or in close proximity to a swimming pool, in order to keep that swimming pool open, even with no lifeguard present.

- **Utah (UT HB 29):**
  This measure adds the residential provisions of the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) to Statewide Amendments Incorporated as Part of State Construction Code and Local Amendments Incorporated as Part of State Construction Code.
ON THE REGULATORY FRONT:

- Washington, DC:
  DC Department of Health final rule effective 1/31/2020: Aquatic Facilities Rules:
  The Department adopted amendments to the rule to establish a new schedule of fines for swimming pool and spa operations. Notice of the final rule, effective 1/31/2020, was published in the District of Columbia Register.

- Texas (TX Department of State Health Services draft rules):
  Standards for Public Pools and Spas): The Department drafted new rules that replace the existing administrative rule subchapter providing for minimum standards for the design, construction, renovation and maintenance of public swimming pools and spas, and bathhouses.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS YOU NEED TO SEE:

- Decarbonization:
  Follow which states are actively pursuing “Decarbonization” efforts and related Greenhouse Gas reducing policy.

- Municipal Swimming Pool Alerts:
  Follow the proposed changes regarding public pools in Colorado, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, and Utah.

  Check out the full list of alerts here

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