

HOUSE BILL NO. 669

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

on February 10, 2022)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Hope)

A BILL to require the Commissioner of Health to convene a work group to study whether swimming pools and other water recreational facilities should be regulated by the Department of Health.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. § 1. That the Commissioner of Health shall convene a work group, which shall include representatives of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Healthy Swimming Program, municipal parks and recreation departments, injury and illness prevention experts, and other appropriate stakeholders as determined by the Commissioner to study whether swimming pools and other water recreational facilities for public use or in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa should be regulated by the Department of Health. Such study shall include consideration of current requirements for (i) water treatment and disinfecting, (ii) the daily posting of water quality data, (iii) safety equipment and features, (iv) maintenance and safety of equipment and premises, (v) operational requirements, (vi) facility staffing, (vii) incident response, (viii) the design and construction of pool structures and equipment, and (ix) the maintenance of pool structures and equipment, as well as any other current requirements related to protection of the public health and safety.

§ 2. That the work group shall report its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for statutory, regulatory, policy, or budgetary changes that may be necessary to implement the findings, to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2023.

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