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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1917** 

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-248.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public pools; regulations.

Patron—Hope

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-248.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 32.1-248.1. Posting of water quality test results by certain recreational facilities.

A. The Board of Health shall promulgate regulations to require the daily posting of water quality test results at governing swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated for public use or, including swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa. Such regulations shall require, among other things, include requirements for (i) water treatment and disinfecting, (ii) the daily posting of water quality data regarding the current pH level, disinfectant type and concentration, and water temperature, and the recommended safe levels of each, and, (iii) safety equipment and features, (iv) maintenance and safety of equipment and premises, (v) operational requirements, (vi) facility staffing, (vii) incident response, and (viii) such other provisions as may be necessary to protect the public health and safety. Such regulations shall not (a) apply to private residential water recreational facilities, as defined by the Board or (ii) regulate the design, construction, or maintenance of pool structures and equipment as governed by the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

B. Nothing in this section or regulations of the Board shall prohibit any locality from adopting any ordinance regarding the operation of swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated for public use that are equivalent to or more stringent than regulations adopted pursuant to this section.