

HCS HB 489 -- SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE

SPONSOR: Hicks

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Small Business by a vote of 13 to 4.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 489.

This bill adopts the "International Swimming Pool and Spa Code" as it existed on May 1, 2020 and promulgated by the International Code Council, as the county and municipal swimming pool and spa code for the state. The code applies to all construction, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, and repair of swimming pools and spas in any county or municipality that elects to regulate pools and spas.

Counties and municipalities are authorized to establish procedures for the administration and enforcement of the pool and spa code, and are authorized to adopt local amendments to the code or amendments made by the International Code Council.

This bill is similar to HB 2157 (2020).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will set up minimum safety standards for pool builders and will level the playing field. Any entity that already is in the pool business that does this the correct way will not mind to have these standards in place. By having minimum standards this will save lives.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hicks; Adam Katchmarchi, National Drowning Prevention Alliance; Christopher Gaw, City of O'Fallon; Jason Davidson, Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA); John P. Boggs; Lorenzo M. Ware Sr., City of Sikeston; Robert Andrew Barnes; Timothy Schmidt, International Code Council; and Richard Woemmel, Bi-State Pool Management, Inc..

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.