

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CB-044-2019
Draft No.:	2
Committee:	Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee
Date:	10/02/2019
Action:	FAV/A

REPORT: Favorable as amended 4-0: Council Members Hawkins, Ivey, Harrison and Taveras.
Absent: Franklin.

CB-044-2019 Draft 2 as proposed will amend the County Code regarding semi-public swimming pool supervision requirements for health club services pools located in Prince George's County. In April 2016, the Council enacted CB-006-2016 which amended swimming pool supervision requirements for hotels with swimming pools no larger than 2,500 square feet and established safety standards requirements pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Commercial Law Article, Title 14. CB-044-2019 Draft 2 seeks to expand the facilities that are applicable to include health club services pools.

Staff informed the Committee that the Office of Law found that a technical amendment is necessary to correct the name of the legislative reference to include Title 14 which was not included in Draft 1. On page 2, line 9 and page 3, line 2, after the word "Article," Title 14 was added.

The Office of the County Executive stated on behalf of the Health Department that the Department has expressed concern about the legislation and feels that it is important to maintain a life guard at these facilities. Staff noted that the Health Department did not express those concerns on CB-006-2016.

The bill Sponsor explained that this is a continuation of prior legislation and this makes the County consistent with State law. An offer was made to work with the Health Department to address any concerns. Council Member Turner requested that the safety requirements be reviewed for the record. Andrea Mansfield of Manis Canning and Associates, representing Fitness International, spoke in support of the bill.

The Office of Law reports CB-044-2019 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigations believes enactment of CB-044-2019 should not have a direct nor indirect adverse fiscal impact on the County.

After discussion, the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee voted CB-044-2019 out favorably as amended, 4-0.