

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1115

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1115) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., and Michael LoPresti, Jr., for legislation relative to the operation of outdoor inground swimming pools. Public Safety.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF OUTDOOR INGROUND SWIMMING POOLS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following sections:—

3 *Section 206.* All public outdoor inground swimming pools  
4 shall be enclosed by a fence six feet in height and firmly se-  
5 cured at ground level. Such enclosure, including gates therein,  
6 must be not less than six feet above the underlying ground;  
7 all gates must be self-latching with latches placed six feet  
8 above the underlying ground or otherwise made inaccessible  
9 from the outside to small children. Such pools shall be equip-  
10 ped with at least one life ring and a rescue hook.

11 Such outdoor inground swimming pools that are open to  
12 the public shall be drained and/or covered within seven days  
13 of closing. All public outdoor inground swimming pools shall  
14 have installed a permanent ladder descending to within three  
15 feet of the deepest bottom of such pools.

16 Any owner or manager of such a pool who fails to comply  
17 with the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine  
18 of not more than one thousand dollars.

19 *Section 207.* All public outdoor inground swimming pools  
20 shall be inspected annually by the building inspection depart-  
21 ment of each city and town within the Commonwealth.

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