

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2265**

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By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2265) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to require the installation of alarms for swimming pools. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act Relative to Swimming Pool Alarms.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO SWIMMING POOL ALARMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
2 section:-

3 Section 207. As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly appears  
4 otherwise, have the following meanings:-

5 "Pool alarm", a device which meets and is independently certified to the ASTM Standard F 2208  
6 "Standards Specification for Pool Alarms" which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser, and  
7 infrared type alarms. Pool alarms shall not include swimming protection alarm devices designed for  
8 individual use, such as an alarm attached to a child that sounds when the child exceeds a certain distance  
9 or becomes submerged in water.

10 "Swimming pool", any structure that contains water over 24 inches in depth and which is used, or  
11 intended to be used, for swimming or recreational bathing located indoors or outdoors and which is  
12 available only to the family and guests of a residential household, including in-ground, above-ground and  
13 on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

14 No building permit shall be issued for the construction or substantial alteration of a swimming  
15 pool at a residence occupied by, or being built for, 1 or more families unless a pool alarm is installed with  
16 the private swimming pool.

17 No swimming pool shall be used for swimming or recreational bathing unless a pool alarm is  
18 installed with the swimming pool by the owner of the residence. Every swimming pool shall be inspected  
19 annually by the inspector of buildings of each city and town in which said pool is located for the presence  
20 of an operating pool alarm.

21 Each owner or tenant of every residence required to have a pool alarm in accordance with this  
22 section who fails to comply with this section regarding pool alarms shall be fined not less than \$100 nor  
23 more than \$500 for each offense.

