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## **An Act To Improve Children's Safety in Public Swimming Pools**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2666, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Anti-entrapment devices required.** Every public pool and public spa must comply with the federal swimming pool and spa drain cover standards as specified in the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, 15 United States Code, Sections 8001 to 8006. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall enforce the provisions of this subsection. Enforcement includes, but is not limited to, the closure of any public pool or public spa that does not meet the requirements of the federal swimming pool and spa drain cover standards.

### **SUMMARY**

The federal Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act requires all public swimming pools and public spas to be equipped with anti-entrapment devices, unblockable drains or safety vacuum release systems to prevent the entrapment of persons in the pool or spa.

This bill requires the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to enforce the provisions of that federal law, including closing any public pool or public spa that does not comply with the federal law.