

14 November 2016

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

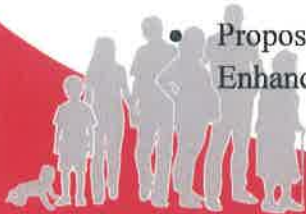
### **“Public Swimming Pools, Spas, and Recreational Waterparks”**

### **Revisions to Chapter 511-3-5**

The Department of Public Health proposes the attached amendment to DPH Regulation 511-3-5, pursuant to its authority under O.C.G.A. Sections 31-2A-6, 31-12-8, and 31-45-10.

The proposed rulemaking is intended to update the existing regulations governing public swimming pools to reflect current science, industry best practices, CDC standards, and ICC codes. The amended rules will also address several concerns brought to the Department’s attention during the 2015 session of the General Assembly. The following items represent key changes in the Chapter that may be of interest to our stakeholders:

- Proposed changes to DPH Rule 511-3-5-.01(54), (70), (71), and (72):  
Categorizes pools by setting, type and risk.
- Proposed changes to DPH Rule 511-3-5-.03(1)(c) and 511-3-5-.04(9)(a)(b)(c):  
Incorporates NSF 50 standard and acknowledges applicable building codes.
- Proposed changes to DPH Rule 511-3-5-.03(1), (2), and (3):  
Clarifies the requirements for an owner to obtain a construction and an operational permit for any public swimming pool under the health authority’s jurisdiction.
- Proposed changes to DPH Rule 511-3-5-.17(1)(2):  
Revises the water quality parameters to reflect the most current CDC recommended standards.
- Proposed changes to DPH Rule 511-3-5-.18(19):  
Removes water fountain and deck shower requirements for regulated pools serving multi-residential housing.
- Proposed changes to DPH Rule 511-3-5-.22(5) through (10):  
Enhances the recordkeeping and water quality testing responsibilities and procedures.

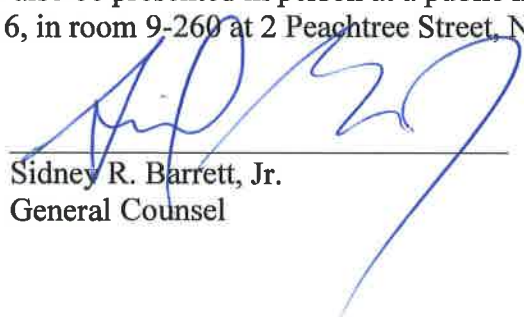


- Proposed changes to DPH Rule 511-3-5-.23)(8) and (9):  
establishes compliance options short of permit revocation and streamlines the operator's  
right to appeal a permit decision to the Department.

Interested persons may submit comments on these proposed revisions in writing addressed to:

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Comment may also be presented in person at a public meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on 14  
December 2016, in room 9-260 at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.



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