Florida Senate - 2006

By the Committee on Health Care; and Senator Saunders

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to public swimming and bathing
3	facilities; amending s. 514.0115, F.S.;
4	providing that private pools and water therapy
5	facilities connected with establishments where
6	licensed physical therapists practice and
7	licensed massage therapy establishments are
8	exempt from supervision or regulation by the
9	Department of Health; amending s. 480.043,
10	F.S.; providing for the adoption of rules
11	relating to the regulation of pools used in
12	conjunction with hydrotherapy in establishments
13	licensed pursuant to this section; providing an
14	effective date.
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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18	Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 514.0115, Florida
19	Statutes, is amended to read:
20	514.0115 Exemptions from supervision or regulation;
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22	(1) Private pools and water therapy facilities
23	connected with facilities connected with hospitals, medical
24	doctors' offices, and licensed physical therapy establishments
25	where one or more licensed physical therapists practice, and
26	licensed massage therapy establishments are shall be exempt
27	from supervision under this chapter.
28	Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 480.043, Florida
29	Statutes, is amended to read:
30	480.043 Massage establishments; requisites; licensure;
31	inspection
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1	(2) The board shall adopt rules governing the
2	operation of establishments and their facilities, personnel,
3	safety and sanitary requirements, including pools used in
4	conjunction with hydrotherapy in establishments licensed
5	pursuant to this section, financial responsibility, insurance
6	coverage, and the license application and granting process.
7	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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9	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
10	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 0 Senate Bill 148
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12	This committee substitute provides an exemption from the
13	Department of Health's regulation of public swimming pools and bathing facilities for private pools and water therapy facilities connected with establishments where one or more
14	licensed physical therapists practice and licensed massage
15	establishments. The bill also clarifies that the Board of Massage Therapy has the authority to adopt rules governing the
16	operation of licensed massage establishments, including pools used in conjunction with hydrotherapy in licensed massage
17	establishments. 7
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