

Subject Hot tubs on rental property

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Overview

The commissioner of health is responsible for enforcing laws and rules relating to the operation, maintenance, design, installation, and construction of public pools. A public pool is defined as any pool, other than a private residential pool, that is open to the public, to members of an organization and their guests, to residents of an apartment complex or residential development, or to patrons of a lodging facility, or is operated in certain other settings. Hot water pools, or hot tubs, are a type of public pool and must comply with requirements in rule. Under current law hot tubs located on rental houseboats are exempt from the requirements for public pools in rule. This bill establishes an exemption from the requirements for public pools for hot tubs on the property of a stand-alone, single-unit rental property and allows renters to use these hot tubs if certain requirements are met.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Hot tubs on rental property.</p> <p>Amends § 144.1222, subd. 2d. Current law exempts hot tubs on rental houseboats from the requirements for public pools. Para. (a) establishes an exemption from the requirements for public pools for hot tubs on the property of a stand-alone, single-unit rental property and allows these hot tubs to be used by renters of the property if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ the water temperature in the hot tub does not exceed 106 degrees Fahrenheit;▪ before check-in by each new rental party, the property owner or resort offering the property for rent tests the water in the hot tub for the concentration of chlorine or bromine, pH, and alkalinity, and the water in the hot tub meets the requirements in rules for disinfection residue, pH, and alkalinity that apply to hot water pools; and |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ upon rental, the property owner or resort provides notice to the renters that there is a hot tub on the property and the hot tub is not governed by all of the requirements in state law and rule for public pools. |
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Para. (b) specifies that hot tubs located on rental houseboats are not subject to the temperature, testing, and notice requirements in para. (a).

Para. (c) prohibits a political subdivision from adopting a local law, rule, or ordinance that prohibits renters from using a hot tub at a stand-alone, single-unit rental property or on a rental houseboat, or that establishes additional requirements for their use.

Para. (d) makes a technical change to the notice that must be posted by a hot tub at a stand-alone, single-unit rental property or rental houseboat.



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