

House Bill 477

By: Representative Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-45-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions regarding public swimming pools, so as to exempt pools located in condominium  
3 complexes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 31-45-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
8 regarding public swimming pools, is amended to read as follows:

9 "31-45-3.

10 As used in this chapter, the term 'public swimming pool,' 'swimming pool,' or 'pool' means  
11 any structure, chamber, or tank containing an artificial body of water used by the public for  
12 swimming, diving, wading, recreation, or therapy, together with buildings, appurtenances,  
13 and equipment used in connection with the body of water, regardless of whether a fee is  
14 charged for its use. The term includes municipal, school, hotel, or motel pools and any  
15 pool to which access is granted in exchange for payment of a daily fee. This chapter shall  
16 not apply to a private pool or hot tub serving a single-family dwelling and used only by the  
17 residents of the dwelling and their guests. This chapter also shall not apply to apartment  
18 complex pools, condominium complex pools, country club pools, subdivision pools which  
19 are open only to residents of the subdivision and their guests, therapeutic pools used in  
20 physical therapy programs operated by medical facilities licensed by the department or  
21 operated by a licensed physical therapist, therapeutic chambers drained, cleaned, and  
22 refilled after each individual use, or to religious ritual baths used solely for religious  
23 purposes."

24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2019.

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**SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.