

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 298**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act clarifying spa regulations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul McMurtry*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*11th Norfolk*

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 298) of Paul McMurtry for legislation to exempt certain pools from certain licensing requirements. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 178 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act clarifying spa regulations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 206 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the fourth paragraph the following  
3 paragraph:-

4 Every public and semipublic outdoor inground swimming pool installed prior to January  
5 1, 1998 shall be exempt from any regulation requiring a continuous walkway around the pool  
6 with a minimum width of four feet of unobstructed clear distance including a curb at the pool  
7 edge if such a curb is used; provided further that such pools shall be exempt from any regulation  
8 requiring continuous recirculation of the entire water supply so as to produce bubbles and shall  
9 be considered in compliance with this section so long as an appropriate amount of water has been  
10 filtered or circulated so as to maintain the clarity and cleanliness of the water.