New Jersey

Category: Swimming Pools; Spas/Hot Tubs

Title: UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Agency: Department of Community Affairs/Division of Codes and Standards

Summary:
Concerns travel distance increase in groups F-1 and S-1 occupancies, periodic inspections, jurisdiction for electrical inspections, and fees for large, open-volume buildings. Permits the bonding and grounding certificate (that is already required by the UCC) to cover more than one swimming pool, spa, or hot tub, and reduces the fee for the bonding and grounding of swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs when there is more than one unit within the same vicinity.

Summary Comments:
June 4, 2012 Proposed Rule:

5:23-2.20 Tests and special inspections

(a) All tests required by the provisions of the regulations shall be made and conducted under the supervision of the enforcing agency and in accordance with such inspection and test procedures as may be prescribed by the provisions of the regulations, with the expense of all tests and special inspections to be borne by the owner or lessee, or by the contractor performing the work.

1. Except as otherwise provided, tests conducted by persons authorized to conduct such tests in accordance with this chapter are not required to be witnessed by the local enforcing agency, unless the local enforcing agency determines such witnessing to be necessary.

(b)-(d) (No change.)

(e) The bonding and grounding certificate for swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs, shall be issued by a recognized electrical testing agency or a New Jersey State licensed electrical contractor. This certificate shall verify the continuity and integrity of the bonding and grounding system. It shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance. The bonding and grounding certificate may cover more than one swimming pool, spa, and/or hot tub unit. Effective November 2, 2012

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Last Action: 02/04/2013 Introduced

Synopsis: Further provides for the applicability of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act to swimming pools and spas.
Section 1. Section 104(f) of the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, is amended to read:

Section 104. Application.

** (f) Application to swimming pools and spas.--

(1) The provisions of this act as they relate to swimming pools and spas shall not be applicable to those constructed or installed prior to the effective date of this act.

(2) All swimming pools and spas constructed or installed after the effective date of this act shall be governed by the requirements of this act, including section 503.

(3) A SWIMMING POOL OR SPA SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) MAY NOT BE FILLED WITH WATER UNTIL THE BARRIER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT ARE MET AND DURING CONSTRUCTION OF A SWIMMING POOL, TEMPORARY BARRIERS SHALL BE ERECTED AS REQUIRED BY DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.

Status:

02/04/2013 Introduced

04/16/2013 In House; Reported as committed; First consideration

05/06/2013 In House; Re-reported as committed

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A-352 - Sonney

Amends the Home Improvement Contractors Registration Act to exclude certain things done by a landscaper from complying with the Act which includes the building of retaining walls and fountains.

Status: 1/31/11 Consumer Affairs Committee NESPA Position/Action: Part of this proposal appears benign by just removing redundant language that appears elsewhere in the law. On closer inspection it appears that the landscapers are trying to have the right to build retaining walls and fountains without the necessity of registering and home improvement contractors. NESPA is in the process of investigating the language further with the sponsoring legislators.