

APPROVAL MEMORANDUM - No. 33 Chapter 651

MEMORANDUM filed with Assembly Bill Number 8646, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to exempting hot tubs or spas with safety covers from certain provisions of law"

APPROVED

This bill permits the State's Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code to exempt hot tubs and spas from the requirement that they be enclosed by gates as long as such hot tubs or spas have a safety cover that meets certain standards.

Hot tubs as well as pools should be enjoyed safely. While the goal of this legislation is laudable, the bill as drafted would remove certain safety requirements for pools. I have secured an agreement with the Legislature to make technical fixes to ensure that pools continue to remain subject to the gated enclosure requirements for safety, and to avoid inconsistencies in the law with respect to such safety measures.

Based on this agreement, I am pleased to sign this bill.

This bill is approved.

(signed) KATHY HOCHUL

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