

Good afternoon

My name is Raymond Rescildo, I am the co-chairman of CONSPA's (CT Spa & Pool Association) GRAC (gov. relations action committee) & a swimming pool contractor. I own & operate Certified Pool & Spa llc in Plymouth CT.

As an industry we understand & support licensing of the occupational trades. I will briefly voice concerns & inputs pertaining to Raised Bill #238.

First I will address **lines 1 through & including 11**, as they are reflected in the natural course of pool construction & repair.

- we design our pools and the surrounding area"
- we transplant plant life which are in our pool site.
- we fix the site after deck/pool completion and restore the landscape"
- we install fencing permeate/temporary per code requirements
- "we design and install drainage around our project area and correct impact of grounds contours so as to not impact our pool area or the existing home"
- we install fountains and water features and ponds with specific requirements for public safety, we are best equipped and knowledgeable in this area."

line # 9 is concerning the words "pool, fountain etc."

a body of water (swimming or ornamental) with mechanicals has the potential to energize the ground, contained water, and associated fixture. This poses a health or safety hazard, the **pool** industry has elaborate training & understanding to eliminate such hazards.

As both the ground & structure may pose a shock hazard, if not properly bonded per NEC (national electric code) codes. Pool contractors are well versed in the relevant electrical codes to water features, both bathing & ornamental.

I offer "vessel" as an alternative to "pool" and suggest contractors mixing water and electricity be well trained in equipment bonding, for **public health & safety**.

- Further more as the construction industries & consumers strives to be more "green" we will see an increase in "living swimming pools." **A living pool is a large water feature intended for swimming & to aesthetically improve a landscape. The water is kept sanitary via a biological ecosystem, plants, bacteria etc.**
- the similarities carry significant overlaps to public health & safety
- particularly to suction entrapment & electrical hazards

The aforementioned encroach on the pool contractors natural course of work, which brings me to **lines 31-33**.

31 (c) No person shall advertise, solicit or contract to perform the work
32 of a landscape contractor unless such person is licensed in accordance
33 with the provisions of this subsection.

The mentioned directly impact the pool contractors established scope of work. Again, we encourage, support & applaud occupational licensing but feel the proposed is beyond an overlap to licensed pool contractors' purview..

Respectfully,
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