

PUBLIC COLD BATH REQUIREMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the regulation of public cold baths.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines a public cold bath; and
- prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from regulating public cold baths.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26B-7-122, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26B-7-122** is enacted to read:

26B-7-122 . Rules for public cold baths.

(1) As used in this section, "public cold bath" means a tub or tank that:

(a) is used by:

- (i) the general public, regardless of whether there is a charge or payment for use; and
- (ii) one bather at a time;

(b) contains chilled water that is:

- (i) maintained at a temperature lower than 60 degrees Fahrenheit;
- (ii) no more than 180 gallons in volume; and

29 (iii) at a depth that allows the bather to maintain the bather's head above the water
30 while in a seated position; and

31 (c) continuously filters and sanitizes the chilled water.

32 (2) The department may not adopt a rule that restricts, limits, or imposes requirements on
33 the operation of a public cold bath.

34 Section 2. **Effective date.**

35 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.