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**STARTING PLATFORMS:
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House Bill 5462

Sponsor: Rep. Jerry O. Kooiman

Committee: Commerce

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5462 AS INTRODUCED 11-29-01

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to exempt certain college swimming pools from an administrative rule on starting platforms promulgated by the Department of Community Health.

The bill would apply to a public swimming pool owned or operated by a college or university if the institution restricted the use of starting platforms to collegiate swimmers participating in a collegiate or intercollegiate swim program sanctioned by a national collegiate athletic organization.

The rule in question, R 325.2135, sets water depth and platform height requirements for starting platforms. For example, starting platforms cannot be installed if the water depth is less than 79 inches, and the front edge of the platforms cannot be higher than 30 inches above the water surface. The water depth must be maintained for a distance from 2 feet to not less than 19 feet out from the edge of the pool across all swimming lanes. Platforms must be installed with the front edge extending to the edge of the water and must be easily removable without tools when located at a water depth less than 8 1/2 feet.

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