

**COMPARISON OF VIRGINIA GRAME BAKER  
POOL AND SPA SAFETY ACT 2007\* AND ANSI/APSP-7 STANDARD**

Federal Pool & Spa Safety Act of 2007 *	ANSI/APSP-7 <sup>1</sup>
<p><b>1404 (b)</b> FEDERAL ACT <sup>2</sup> Requires that <b>all</b> drain (suction outlet) covers be tested and certified to ASME/ANSI A112.19.8-2007</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Section 4.5</p>
<p><b>1404(b)</b> FEDERAL ACT Requires future covers to comply with "any successor standard" or version of 19.8</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Section 4.5</p>
<p><b>1404 (c)(1)(A)(i)</b> FEDERAL ACT Requires ASME/ANSI certified covers on all drains regardless of size in <b>public</b> pools and spas</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Section 1.1 Section 4.5</p>
<p><b>1404 (c)(1)(A)(ii)(V)</b> FEDERAL ACT Specifically allows for the disablement of drain(s) thus creating a drainless pool and eliminating the potential entrapment hazard</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Section 6.3 Section 5.2</p>
<p><b>1404 (c)(1)(A)(ii)</b> FEDERAL ACT <b>Public</b> pools and spas with a single drain that is not unblockable to have added protection</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Section 1.1 Section 6.3 Note: single blockable drain prohibited in new construction</p>

<p><b>1404 (c)(1)(A)(ii) (I-VI)</b>  <b>FEDERAL ACT</b>  Allows all options recognized in ASME/ANSI A112.19.17 to protect single drain installations in <b>public</b> pools and spas</p>	<p><b>Yes</b>  Section 7</p>
<p><b>1404 (c)(1)(A)(ii) (I-VI)</b>  <b>FEDERAL ACT</b>  Allows all devices that comply with ASTM F2387 to protect single drain installations in <b>public</b> pools and spas</p>	<p><b>Yes</b>  Section 7.1</p>
<p><b>1404 (c)(1)(A)(ii)</b>  <b>FEDERAL ACT</b>  Recognizes that Safety Vacuum release System (SVRS) or other devices are not required on <b>public</b> pools or spas with multiple drains or an unblockable drain</p>	<p><b>Yes</b>  Section 5.5.2</p>
<p><b>1406(a)(1)(A)(iii)</b>  <b>STATE VOLUNTARY GRANT PROGRAM<sup>1</sup></b>  Applies to <b>residential</b> pools and spas only if participating states have enacted minimum state laws called for by CPSC  Expressly permits pools without any main drains</p>	<p><b>Yes</b>  Section 5.2</p>
<p><b>1406(a)(1)(A)(iii)</b>  <b>STATE VOLUNTARY GRANT PROGRAM</b>  New construction to have multiple drains, unblockable drain or no drain</p>	<p><b>Yes</b>  Section 5</p>
<p><b>1406(a)(1)(A)(iv)</b>  <b>STATE VOLUNTARY GRANT PROGRAM</b>  Requires ASME/ANSI certified covers on all drains that are not unblockable</p>	<p><b>Yes</b>  Section 4.5</p> <p>Note: requires certified covers on all drains.</p>
<p><b>1406(a)(1)(A)(iv)</b>  <b>STATE VOLUNTARY GRANT PROGRAM</b>  Requires such covers to comply with “any successor standard” or version of ASME/ANSI A112.19.8</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> Section 4.5</p>
<p><b>1406(d)(1)(A-F)</b>  <b>STATE VOLUNTARY GRANT PROGRAM</b>  Existing pools with single drain that is not unblockable to have added protection</p>	<p><b>Yes</b>  Section 6.3</p>

<sup>1</sup> ANSI/APSP-7 2006 Standard for Suction Entrapment Avoidance in Swimming Pools, wading Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs and Catch Basins.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Act refers to section 1404, which creates a Federal Swimming Pool and Spa Drain Cover Standard, and requires that public pools be equipped with certain devices.

*\* The Federal Pool and Spa safety Act also known as the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act  
3 Refers to section 1406, which creates a Federal “State Grant Program”. To be eligible for a grant, a state must pass legislation which meets or exceeds the “minimum State law requirements” as defined in the Act*