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**\$1.825 MILLION FINE HIGHLIGHTS POTENTIAL PENALTIES FOR POOL
AND SPA SAFETY ACT NONCOMPLIANCE**

Fines could reach as high as \$10 million

SAN DIEGO, Calif. – When the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act’s new safety standards take effect December 19, public pool and spa owners and operators will face a potential fine of \$1.825 million for noncompliance. The Pool and Spa Safety Act requires that all public pools and spas install anti-entrapment suction outlets to help curb entrapment-related injuries and fatalities.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the regulatory body for the Pool and Spa Safety Act, the maximum penalty for one or more related violations is \$1.825 million; Congress is considering legislation that would increase this penalty to \$10 million or higher.

AquaStar Pool Products, Inc. offers a wide variety of anti-entrapment suction outlets compliant with the new safety standards. The San Diego-based pool products manufacturer counts 17 separate combinations of compliant suction outlets in its catalog with many more compliant products in the development process.

“AquaStar was developing anti-entrapment suction outlets long before the Pool and Spa Safety Act was proposed,” AquaStar co-founder Olaf Mjelde said. “We saw the need for a safer drain and felt a sense of urgency to address it.”

Pool and spa owners across the country are finding that AquaStar’s anti-entrapment drain covers not only bring their drains up to code, helping them avoid heavy fines, they also greatly reduce the risk of entrapment related injuries and fatalities.

“Many of the people who buy our anti-entrapment drains are unaware of the injuries and fatalities caused by suction entrapment, they just want to get up to code,” said Mjelde. “But after learning of the traumatic consequences of suction entrapment, they quickly realize that these drains do more than just meet code; they save lives.”

About AquaStar:

AquaStar Pool Products, Inc., the worldwide leader in pool and spa products, is headquartered in San Diego, California. AquaStar Pool Products, Inc. is the creator of the following brands: Clear Choice®, AquaStop®, AquaThunder®, Flow-Max®, Flow-Star®, Color Choice™, and Everclear®. AquaStar Pool Products, Inc. is the industry leader in anti-entrapment pool drain development. AquaStar Pool Products, Inc., is committed to quality, innovation and performance in each of their American made products. For more information, visit www.aquastarpoolproducts.com. *A Safe Drain is No Accident™*

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