

Explain why you believe or do not believe that the regulations overseen by your board have been effective: The Department believes the statute, Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-4305 (4) and NAC Title 178, Chapter 2, Operation and Management of Public Swimming Pools have been effective in assuring that swimming pools in Nebraska operated by well trained and competent operators. Proper operation and maintenance of pools is essential to ensure the health and safety of patrons.

What is the potential harm if this occupation is no longer regulated?: If pool operators are no longer licensed in Nebraska there may be more pools that are out of compliance with the regulations. This may include issues with water quality (e.g. proper levels of disinfectant), water clarity, and proper lifesaving equipment at the pool. This could lead to more injuries or drowning or near-drownings across the State.