

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1132

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As Passed House  
January 24, 1994

**Title:** An act relating to the sale of electrical equipment.

**Brief Description:** Requiring certification of electric spa equipment.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Kremen, Linville and Zellinsky.

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Commerce & Labor, February 3, 1993, DP;  
Passed House, February 17, 1993, 93-0;  
Passed House, January 24, 1994, 91-1.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR**

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 9 members:  
Representatives Heavey, Chair; G. Cole, Vice Chair; Lisk,  
Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking  
Minority Member; Conway; Horn; King; Springer; and Veloria.

**Staff:** Chris Cordes (786-7117).

**Background:** Since 1986, each piece of electrical equipment associated with spas, hot tubs, swimming pools, and hydromassage bathtubs has been required to bear a certification mark from an approved electrical products testing laboratory. There is no requirement that a complete unit - the tub and its electrical equipment - be certified as a unit before offering the unit for sale.

**Summary of Bill:** Hydromassage bathtubs may not be offered for sale or exchange unless the complete unit, the tub and the electrical equipment, is certified by an approved electrical products testing laboratory.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This is a consumer protection bill. A hydromassage tub can be tested for problems related to flow if it is tested as a unit.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Representative Pete Kremen, prime sponsor; and Ralph Rodenberg.