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HOUSE BILL 557  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/4/21

Short Title: Reopen Gym Water Fountains/Bottle Stations.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 15, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE FITNESS CENTERS AND GYMS TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE  
3 WATER FOUNTAIN OR TOUCHLESS WATER BOTTLE REFILLING STATION  
4 DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all (i) Interim Guidance  
7 for Indoor Fitness Centers and Gyms Settings issued by the North Carolina Department of Health  
8 and Human Services, (ii) executive orders issued by the Governor applicable to indoor fitness  
9 centers and gym settings, and (iii) other guidance issued by any Executive Branch agency or unit  
10 of local government applicable to indoor fitness centers and gyms and that are issued in response  
11 to the COVID-19 pandemic shall require any indoor fitness center or gym to provide at least one  
12 operating water fountain or at least one operating touchless water bottle refilling station to patrons  
13 if the facility currently has an operational water fountain or touchless water bottle refilling  
14 station.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and expires on the date the  
16 Governor rescinds Executive Order No. 116, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate  
17 Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19.



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