
By: Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Natural Resources)

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Boat Act - Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing certain numbering, titling, and documented vessel fees;
4 establishing a numbering fee for certain vessels; and providing for a delayed
5 effective date.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 8-712(c), 8-712.1(b), and 8-716(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 8-712.

15 (c) (1) Certificates of number issued under this section shall be valid for a
16 period not to exceed 2 years. The owner of the vessel may apply every other year for
17 renewal of the certificate. The renewed certificate shall expire on December 31 of the
18 calendar year following the year the certificate is issued. The fee for a 2-year certificate
19 for vessels is \$24. [Vessels 16 feet in length or less and equipped with a 7 1/2 horsepower
20 motor or less are exempt from this fee.] The fee to replace a lost, destroyed, or corrected
21 certificate is \$2. The Department shall record any transaction or transfer of numbered
22 boats. The Department may record any amount of money owing on a vessel required to be
23 numbered at the time of sale. The Department may not effect a transfer of ownership
24 until the amount of money owed as shown on the records of the Department is fully paid
25 or recorded on the new title. Any vessel that is required to be numbered under this
26 section that is exempt prior to January 1, 1974 shall be exempt from payment of this title
27 tax.

28 (2) Emergency rescue boats that belong to fire departments or rescue
29 squads in Maryland:

30 (i) Shall be exempt from all registration fees; but

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1 (ii) Shall apply for a registration renewal every 3 years.

2 8-712.1.

3 (b) The owner of the vessel shall:

4 (1) Submit an application to the Department on the form that the
5 Department requires and be signed by every owner of the vessel; and

6 (2) Pay to the Department an application fee of [~~\$10~~] \$24 for the 2-year
7 sticker.

8 8-716.

9 (b) The Department shall charge a [~~\$2~~] \$12 fee to issue a certificate of title, a
10 transfer of title, or a duplicate or corrected certificate of title.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 January 1, 1997.