

# HOUSE BILL 1609

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates Carozza and Otto**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Boat Act – Vessel Operation – Prohibition When Individual on the Bow,**  
3 **Gunwale, or Transom**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from operating a vessel on the waters of the  
5 State while another individual is riding on or suspended from certain parts of the  
6 vessel in a certain manner; establishing a penalty for a violation of this Act;  
7 authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations;  
8 making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to operating a vessel  
9 on the waters of the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 8–738.3  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 **8–738.3.**

19 **(A) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT OPERATE A VESSEL ON THE WATERS OF THE**  
20 **STATE WHILE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IS RIDING ON OR SUSPENDED FROM THE**  
21 **VESSEL’S BOW, GUNWALE, OR TRANSOM IN A DANGEROUS MANNER.**

22 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A**  
23 **MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$300.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**  
2 **SECTION.**

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
4 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
5 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
6 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
7 enacted.