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March 26, 2025

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1028 – Third Reader

SHORT TITLE: Natural Resources - Vessels - Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT’S POSITION

The Department supports the third reader version of SB 1028 with further amendments that refine the scope of the bill and to have the bill language read the same between the two bills. Carbon monoxide warning labels provide a measure of safety and have the potential to save lives. The timing of the requirement and the locations of the label placement align with industry standards, and provide additional safety warnings that could prevent injury or death. The Department would also like consideration for bringing the requirement back to gasoline-powered vessels, and is supportive of the refinement of the kinds of vessels affected, as well as the restriction on imposing penalties for noncompliance. The Department would plan to take an educational approach to ensure boat owners would be aware of and in compliance with this requirement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Carbon monoxide warning labels have been industry standard since 2007. Stickers are readily available through avenues such as the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

BILL EXPLANATION

The bill requires carbon monoxide warning labels for certain motorized vessels manufactured after a certain date. Currently, only the Senate version does not allow penalties for failure to comply.

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March 26, 2025

The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair
House Environment & Transportation Committee
251 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Senate Bill 1028 – Natural Resources – Vessels – Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels
(Matthew’s Law)
Testimony in Support with Amendments**

Dear Chair Korman:

On behalf of the Marine Trades Association of Maryland (MTAM), I am writing in Support, with Amendments, of Senate Bill 1028 which would prohibit a person from operating a motorized vessel manufactured after July 31, 2007, that has a cabin or other closed living space, on State waters unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in specific locations.

The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) is a nonprofit organization which sets standards for the safe construction and maintenance of boats in the United States. The July 2006 publication of ABYC H-41 contained requirements for industry carbon monoxide warning labels. The compliance date was for all boats built after August 1, 2007.

MTAM would respectfully request an amendment to apply the provisions of the bill to GASOLINE POWERED VESSELS MANUFACTURED AFTER AUGUST 1, 2007.

The Marine Trades Association of Maryland is a 501(c)(6) organization representing the recreational boating industry in Maryland. The recreational boating industry has a \$4.2 billion economic impact in Maryland representing 16,871 jobs. With 3,190 miles of shoreline, our waterways and watersports are a big part of who we are and why people choose Maryland as their home.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Stefancik
Executive Director

cc: Members, House Environment & Transportation Committee

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(To be offered in the Environment and Transportation Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1028

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “motorized” and substitute “gasoline-powered”; and in line 5, strike “a cabin or other closed living space” and substitute “accommodation spaces, swim platforms, or aft lounging areas”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2; in line 3, strike “(B)” and substitute “(A)”; in the same line, strike “MOTORIZED” and substitute “GASOLINE-POWERED”; in lines 4 and 5, strike “A CABIN OR OTHER CLOSED LIVING SPACE” and substitute “ACCOMMODATION SPACES, SWIM PLATFORMS, OR AFT LOUNGING AREAS”; and in line 8, strike “(C)” and substitute “(B)”.