

HB0770/703624/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 770
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “alcohol;” insert “prohibiting a person from operating a vessel on the waters of the State under certain circumstances;”; and after line 16, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 8–738.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 30, insert:

“8–738.3.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) A VESSEL REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) A VESSEL REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID NUMBER AWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FEDERAL LAW OR A FEDERALLY APPROVED NUMBERING SYSTEM OF ANOTHER STATE; AND

(3) A VESSEL FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY USING THE WATERS OF THE STATE.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE OR ATTEMPT TO OPERATE A VESSEL ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE WHILE THE PERSON IS PROHIBITED FROM OPERATING A VESSEL ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNDER § 8-738(E)(3)(I) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION:

(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR BOTH;

(2) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 2 YEARS OR BOTH;
AND

(3) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS OR BOTH.”