
By: Chairman, Appropriations Committee (Departmental - Natural Resources)

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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Waterway Improvement Fund - Appropriation**3 FOR the purpose of ~~removing~~ altering in certain years the limit on the amount which may
4 be appropriated from the Waterway Improvement Fund for certain purposes.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article - Natural Resources

7 Section 8-709

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

13 8-709.

14 (a) The Department shall include in its annual budget request an itemized list of
15 requests for the use of any available money from the Waterway Improvement Fund for
16 the projects under § 8-707 of this subtitle. The Department's list shall include a brief
17 description of each project, an estimate of its cost, and the benefits to be derived from it.
18 The list shall designate which projects are financed solely by the Waterway Improvement
19 Fund, which are matching fund projects, and which are interest-free loan projects.20 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, in any fiscal
21 year the Department may expend from the Waterway Improvement Fund without
22 legislative approval a total sum of not more than \$225,000. Of this amount, a sum of not
23 more than \$125,000 may be expended for small projects under § 8-707(3) and (4) of this
24 subtitle, subject to the limitation that a single project of this kind may not exceed \$5,000

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1 in cost to the Waterway Improvement Fund, and a sum of not more than \$100,000 may be
2 expended for boating safety and education.

3 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the
4 Department may propose in its annual budget, beginning with the fiscal year 1994 budget,
5 an appropriation {of not more than \$1,000,000} from the Waterway Improvement Fund
6 to support marine operations in the Natural Resources Police.

7 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
8 SECTION, FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1998 THROUGH 2002, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
9 PROPOSE IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION, NOT TO EXCEED THE
10 AMOUNTS SPECIFIED BELOW, FROM THE WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND TO
11 SUPPORT MARINE OPERATIONS IN THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE:

12 (1) IN FISCAL YEAR 1998, \$5.7 MILLION;

13 (2) IN FISCAL YEAR 1999, \$4.7 MILLION;

14 (3) IN FISCAL YEAR 2000, \$3.7 MILLION;

15 (4) IN FISCAL YEAR 2001, \$2.7 MILLION; AND

16 (5) IN FISCAL YEAR 2002, \$1.7 MILLION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 July 1, 1997.