

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 280 (Delegates Hutchins and Owings)

Environmental Matters

Natural Resources - Livery Vessel Owner - Safety Requirements

This bill provides that “livery vessel owners” or their agents or employees may not rent a motor boat under 16 feet in length unless:

- that vessel is in seaworthy condition and properly equipped for the waters where it will be used; and
- the livery vessel owner or agent or employee possesses a boating safety certificate approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Violators of these provisions are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to penalty provisions of up to one year imprisonment and/or \$1,000 fine, and must complete a boating safety course offered or approved by DNR.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Enforcement by DNR could be handled with existing resources during current routine inspections. The criminal penalty provisions of this bill are not expected to significantly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The criminal penalty provisions are not expected to significantly affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Businesses could incur increased costs as a result of having to make any repairs necessary to meet the safety requirements.

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