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By: **Delegates Weir, Wood, McClenahan, and Bozman**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Marine Sanitation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to survey certain  
4 waters and vessels for certain purposes by a certain date using certain criteria;  
5 requiring the Department to identify certain sensitive waters of the State by a  
6 certain date using certain criteria; requiring the Department to take certain  
7 steps to ensure that certain facilities relating to marine sanitation are  
8 reasonably available for use in certain areas; and generally relating to marine  
9 sanitation and waters of the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Natural Resources  
12 Section 8-742  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Natural Resources**

18 8-742.

19 (A) BASED ON CRITERIA INCLUDING THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL  
20 RESOURCES, HEALTH, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1999,  
21 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

22 (1) CONDUCT AND COMPLETE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL  
23 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT OF 1972 (33 U.S.C. § 1251 ET SEQ.) AND THE CLEAN  
24 VESSEL ACT OF 1992 (P.L. 102-587), A SURVEY OF:

25 (I) THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF OPERATIONAL PUMPOUT  
26 STATIONS AND WASTE RECEPTION FACILITIES AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARINAS,  
27 MOORING AREAS, DOCKS, AND OTHER BOATING ACCESS FACILITIES IN THE STATE;  
28 AND

1                   (II)     THE NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL VESSELS OPERATING IN THE  
2 WATERS OF THE STATE EQUIPPED WITH TYPE III MARINE SANITATION DEVICES OR  
3 PORTABLE TOILETS, AND THE AREAS OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE IN WHICH  
4 THOSE VESSELS CONGREGATE; AND

5                   (2)     IDENTIFY WATERS OF THE STATE THAT ARE PARTICULARLY  
6 SENSITIVE TO THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE FROM BOATS, SHIPS, AND OTHER  
7 VESSELS, USING CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION  
8 CONTROL ACT AND 40 C.F.R. § 140.1.

9           (B)     ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2000, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE STEPS  
10 TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR THE SAFE AND SANITARY REMOVAL  
11 AND TREATMENT OF SEWAGE FROM ALL VESSELS, AS DETERMINED UNDER THE  
12 FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, ARE REASONABLY AVAILABLE FOR THE  
13 SENSITIVE AREAS IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

14     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 June 1, 1999.