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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Boat Act - Abandoned Vessels - Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of abandoned vessels by decreasing the  
4 number of days a vessel has to be left on certain private property without  
5 certain consent; and generally relating to abandoned vessels.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Natural Resources  
8 Section 8-721(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 8-721.

15 (a) In this section, "abandoned vessel" means any vessel that:

16 (1) Is left illegally or has remained without permission for more than 30  
17 days on public property, including public marinas, docks, or boatyards;

18 (2) Has remained on private property, including private marinas, docks,  
19 or boatyards, for more than [180] 30 days without the consent of the owner or person  
20 in control of the property; or

21 (3) Has been found adrift or unattended in or upon the waters of the  
22 State, and is found in a condition of disrepair as to constitute a hazard or obstruction  
23 to the use of the waters of the State or presents a potential health or environmental  
24 hazard.

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