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By: **Delegate Boutin** Requested: July 25, 2000

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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#### A BILL ENTITLED

## 1 AN ACT concerning

# 2 Department of Natural Resources - Vessel Operation - Regulations

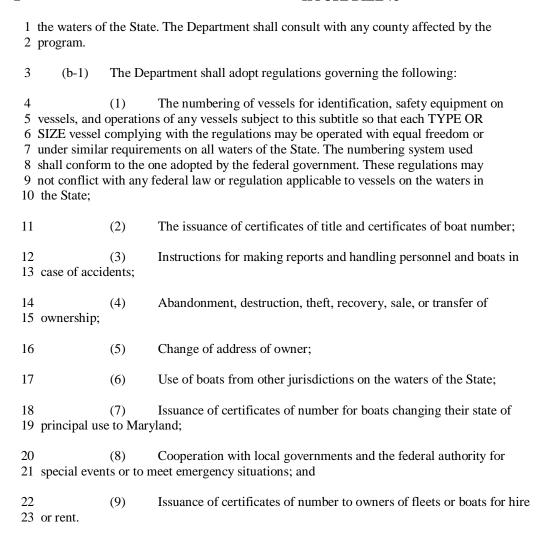
- 3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the requirement that the Department of Natural
- 4 Resources adopt regulations that govern the numbering of vessels for
- 5 identification purposes so that each type or size vessel that complies with the
- 6 regulations may be operated in a certain manner; and generally relating to the
- 7 requirement of the Department to adopt vessel operation regulations.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 9 Article Natural Resources
- 10 Section 8-704(a) and (b)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2000 Replacement Volume)
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 14 Article Natural Resources
- 15 Section 8-704(b-1)
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (2000 Replacement Volume)
- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## 20 Article - Natural Resources

- 21 8-704.
- 22 (a) The Department may adopt regulations necessary to carry out the
- 23 provisions of this subtitle.
- 24 (b) In order to protect the public safety, welfare, and recreational interests in
- 25 waters of the State, the Department may adopt a program relating to the placement
- 26 of buoys, mooring buoys, and other apparatus used to secure, berth, or moor vessels in

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25 October 1, 2001.



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