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By: **Senator Collins**

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CHAPTER_____

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 requiring~~
8 ~~the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations regarding the~~
9 ~~operation of vessels so that each vessel of a type or size may be operated under~~
10 ~~similar requirements as other vessels of that type or size; and generally relating~~
11 ~~to the requirement that the Department adopt regulations governing the~~
12 ~~operation of vessels.~~

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article - Natural Resources

15 Section 8-704(a) and (b)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2000 Replacement Volume)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article - Natural Resources

20 Section 8-704(b-1)

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2000 Replacement Volume)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

8-704.

(a) The Department may adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) In order to protect the public safety, welfare, and recreational interests in waters of the State, the Department may adopt a program relating to the placement of buoys, mooring buoys, and other apparatus used to secure, berth, or moor vessels in the waters of the State. The Department shall consult with any county affected by the program.

(b-1) The Department shall adopt regulations governing the following:

(1) The numbering of vessels for identification, safety equipment on vessels, and operations of any vessels subject to this subtitle so that each ~~TYPE OR SIZE~~ vessel OF A TYPE OR SIZE complying with the regulations may be operated with equal freedom or under similar requirements AS OTHER VESSELS OF THAT TYPE OR SIZE on all waters of the State. The numbering system used shall conform to the one adopted by the federal government. These regulations may not conflict with any federal law or regulation applicable to vessels on the waters in the State;

(2) The issuance of certificates of title and certificates of boat number;

(3) Instructions for making reports and handling personnel and boats in case of accidents;

(4) Abandonment, destruction, theft, recovery, sale, or transfer of ownership;

(5) Change of address of owner;

(6) Use of boats from other jurisdictions on the waters of the State;

(7) Issuance of certificates of number for boats changing their state of principal use to Maryland;

(8) Cooperation with local governments and the federal authority for special events or to meet emergency situations; and

(9) Issuance of certificates of number to owners of fleets or boats for hire or rent.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

