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By: **Delegate Franchot**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Recreational Vessels - Engine Emissions Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person, after a certain date, from operating on  
4 Maryland waters a recreational vessel that is powered by a gasoline-fueled,  
5 outboard marine engine unless the engine has been certified by the U.S.  
6 Environmental Protection Agency as meeting certain emissions standards and is  
7 properly labeled in accordance with federal regulations; establishing a penalty  
8 for a violation of this Act; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to  
9 adopt certain regulations as necessary to implement this Act; defining a certain  
10 term; and generally relating to a requirement that certain engines used to power  
11 recreational vessels comply with federal emissions standards after a certain  
12 date.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Natural Resources  
15 Section 8-726.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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 8-726.1.

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "RECREATIONAL VESSEL" MEANS A VESSEL THAT IS  
23 INTENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER TO BE OPERATED PRIMARILY FOR PLEASURE  
24 BOATING AND NOT FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

25 (B) AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2007, A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE ON THE WATERS OF  
26 THE STATE A RECREATIONAL VESSEL POWERED BY A GASOLINE-FUELED,  
27 OUTBOARD MARINE ENGINE UNLESS THE ENGINE:

1           (1)       HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
2 AGENCY AS MEETING ALL FEDERAL EMISSIONS STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO A  
3 FOUR-STROKE MARINE ENGINE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2002 OR LATER; AND

4           (2)       IS PROPERLY LABELED WITH MARINE ENGINE EMISSION CONTROL  
5 INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE U.S.  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

7       (C)       A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
8 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500.

9       (D)       THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ARE CONSISTENT  
10 WITH FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
11 SECTION.

12       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2002.