
By: **Eastern Shore Delegation, Anne Arundel County Delegation, and
Southern Maryland Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Vessel Excise Tax - Maximum Tax**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the vessel excise tax to a certain amount for each vessel;
4 and generally relating to a limitation on the vessel excise tax payable for each
5 vessel.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 8-716(c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 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 8-716.

15 (c) (1) [Except] SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF
16 THIS SECTION AND EXCEPT as provided in § 8-715(d) of this subtitle and in
17 subsections (e) and (f) of this section, and in addition to the fees prescribed in
18 subsection (b) of this section, an excise tax is levied at the rate of 5% of the fair
19 market value of the vessel on:

20 (i) The issuance of every original certificate of title required for a
21 vessel under this subtitle;

22 (ii) The issuance of every subsequent certificate of title for the sale,
23 resale, or transfer of the vessel;

24 (iii) The sale within the State of every other vessel; and

25 (iv) The possession within the State of a vessel purchased outside
26 the State to be used principally in the State.

1 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no tax is paid on
2 issuance of any certificate of title if the owner of the vessel for which a certificate of
3 title is sought was the owner of the vessel prior to June 1, 1965, or paid Maryland
4 sales and use tax on the vessel as required by law at the time of acquisition. The
5 Department may require the applicant for titling to submit satisfactory proof that the
6 applicant owned the vessel prior to June 1, 1965.

7 (3) THE EXCISE TAX IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT
8 EXCEED \$10,000 FOR ANY VESSEL.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2002.