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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Motorized Vessels - Insurance**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from issuing a
4 certain certificate of number to the owner of a vessel unless the owner of the
5 vessel furnishes certain evidence of a certain liability insurance on the vessel or
6 certain coverage on the owner's homeowner's policy; requiring certain insurance
7 to provide for payment up to at least a certain amount for claims, arising from
8 an accident, for bodily injury, death, or damage to or destruction of the property
9 of another; requiring the owner of a certain vessel to maintain certain insurance
10 during the time period a certificate of number is valid; requiring the
11 Department, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration and
12 representatives of the insurance industry, to adopt certain regulations; and
13 generally relating to insurance requirements for motorized vessels.

14 BY adding to

15 Article - Natural Resources

16 Section 8-712.4

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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

21 **Article - Natural Resources**

22 8-712.4.

23 (A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE OR RENEW A CERTIFICATE OF
24 NUMBER FOR A VESSEL UNDER § 8-712 OF THIS SUBTITLE UNLESS THE OWNER OF
25 THE VESSEL FURNISHES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE
26 OWNER HAS OBTAINED:

27 (1) A LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY ON THE VESSEL WRITTEN BY AN
28 INSURER AUTHORIZED TO WRITE THESE POLICIES IN THE STATE; OR

1 (2) COVERAGE FOR THE VESSEL ON THE OWNER'S HOMEOWNER'S
2 INSURANCE POLICY.

3 (B) THE INSURANCE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
4 SHALL PROVIDE FOR AT LEAST THE PAYMENT OF UP TO \$10,000, IN ADDITION TO
5 INTEREST AND COSTS, FOR CLAIMS ARISING FROM AN ACCIDENT FOR:

6 (1) BODILY INJURY;

7 (2) DEATH; OR

8 (3) DAMAGE TO OR DESTRUCTION OF THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

9 (C) THE OWNER OF A VESSEL REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF
10 NUMBER UNDER § 8-712 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL MAINTAIN THE REQUIRED
11 INSURANCE FOR THE VESSEL DURING THE PERIOD THE CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER IS
12 VALID.

13 (D) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND INSURANCE
14 ADMINISTRATION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY, SHALL
15 ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2006.