

HOUSE BILL 1159

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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Introduced and read first time: February 19, 2007

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources – State Boat Act Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the fee for certain manufacturers' and dealers' licenses;
4 altering certain fees relating to the titling and registration of vessels; altering
5 the fee for a use sticker for certain vessels; repealing a provision relating to
6 service charges for returned unpaid checks; altering the fee for a manufacturer's
7 or dealer's certificate of number; altering the fees for the issuance of certain
8 titles; and generally relating to fees for vessel titling, vessel registration, vessel
9 titles and certificates, and vessel dealers and manufacturers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 8–710(c), 8–712(c), 8–712.1(b), 8–714(c), and 8–716(b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Natural Resources
17 Section 8–712.1(a)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

20 BY repealing
21 Article – Natural Resources
22 Section 8–712(f)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

3 BY renumbering
4 Article – Natural Resources
5 Section 8–712(g) and (h), respectively
6 to be Section 8–712(f) and (g), respectively
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 **Article – Natural Resources**

12 8–710.

13 (c) Application for a manufacturer’s or dealer’s license is made on the form
14 the Department prescribes and contains the name and address of the applicant. If the
15 applicant is a partnership, the application shall include the name and address of each
16 partner. If the applicant is a corporation, the application shall contain the names of
17 the principal officers of the corporation, the state of incorporation, the addresses of
18 every place where the business is conducted, the nature of the business, and any other
19 information the Department requires. Every application shall be verified by oath or
20 affirmation of the applicant if an individual, or by the partner or officer if the
21 applicant is a partnership or corporation. A license fee fixed by the Department not to
22 exceed [~~\$25~~] **\$100** shall accompany every application.

23 8–712.

24 (c) (1) Certificates of number issued under this section shall be valid for
25 a period not to exceed 2 years. The owner of the vessel may apply every other year for
26 renewal of the certificate. The renewed certificate shall expire on December 31 of the
27 calendar year following the year the certificate is issued. The fee for a 2–year
28 certificate for vessels is [~~\$24~~] **\$100**. Vessels 16 feet in length or less and equipped
29 with a 7 1/2 horsepower motor or less are exempt from this fee. The fee to replace a
30 lost, destroyed, or corrected certificate is [~~\$2~~] **\$10**. The Department shall record any
31 transaction or transfer of numbered boats. The Department may record any amount of
32 money owing on a vessel required to be numbered at the time of sale. The Department
33 may not effect a transfer of ownership until the amount of money owed as shown on
34 the records of the Department is fully paid or recorded on the new title. Any vessel

1 that is required to be numbered under this section that is exempt prior to January 1,
2 1974 shall be exempt from payment of this title tax.

3 (2) Emergency rescue boats and fire boats that belong to fire
4 departments or rescue squads in Maryland:

5 (i) Shall be exempt from all registration fees; but

6 (ii) Shall apply for a registration renewal every 3 years.

7 [(f) There is a \$5 service charge for every check returned unpaid.]

8 8-712.1.

9 (a) (1) An owner of a vessel that has a valid document issued by the
10 United States Coast Guard and that is used principally on the waters of the State for
11 pleasure shall apply to the Department for a Maryland use sticker.

12 (2) The Department shall issue a Maryland use sticker to any person
13 who submits an application and pays a fee as required by subsection (b) of this section.

14 (3) The Maryland use sticker issued under this section shall be valid
15 for a period not to exceed 2 years expiring on December 31 of the calendar year
16 following the year the sticker is issued.

17 (b) The owner of the vessel shall:

18 (1) Submit an application to the Department on the form that the
19 Department requires and be signed by every owner of the vessel; and

20 (2) Pay to the Department an application fee of [~~\$10~~] **\$100** for the
21 2-year sticker.

22 8-714.

23 (c) Each application for the manufacturer's or dealer's certificates of number
24 shall be on forms the Department approves and be accompanied by a fee of [~~\$24~~]
25 **\$100**. The certificate of number issued under this section is valid for a period not to
26 exceed 2 years and shall expire on December 31 of the calendar year following the year
27 the certificate is issued.

28 8-716.

1 (b) The Department shall charge a [~~\$2~~] **\$10** fee to issue a certificate of title,
2 a transfer of title, or a duplicate or corrected certificate of title.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 8–712(g) and
4 (h), respectively, of Article – Natural Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
5 renumbered to be Section(s) 8–712(f) and (g), respectively.

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2007.