HOUSE BILL 527

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By: **Delegate V. Clagett**
Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2010
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Natural Resources – Abandoned Vessel – Definition

3 FOR the purpose of altering the period after which a vessel left at certain locations
4   without certain consent is considered abandoned; and generally relating to
5   abandoned vessels.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7   Article – Natural Resources
8   Section 8–721(a)
9   Annotated Code of Maryland
10   (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 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 8–721.

15   (a)   In this section, "abandoned vessel" means any vessel that:

16   (1)   Is left illegally or has remained without permission for more than
17 30 days on public property, including public marinas, docks, or boatyards;

18   (2)   Has remained at the following locations for more than **[**90**] 30** days
19 without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property:

20   (i)   A private marina or property operated by a private marina;

21   (ii)   A private boatyard or property operated by a private
22 boatyard;

EXPLANATION: **Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   (iii)   A private dock; or

2   (iv)   At or near waters' edge on private property;

3   (3)   Has remained on private property other than the private property
4   described in item (2) of this subsection for more than 180 days without the consent of
5   the owner or person in control of the property; or

6   (4)   Has been found adrift or unattended in or upon the waters of the
7   State, and is found in a condition of disrepair as to constitute a hazard or obstruction
8   to the use of the waters of the State or presents a potential health or environmental
9   hazard.

10   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11   October 1, 2010.