

# HOUSE BILL 527

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By: **Delegate V. Clagett**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) Has remained at the following locations for more than ~~90~~ 30 days  
2 without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property:

3 (i) A private marina or property operated by a private marina;  
4 OR

5 (ii) A private boatyard or property operated by a private  
6 boatyard;

7 **(3) HAS REMAINED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS FOR MORE**  
8 **THAN 30 DAYS WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER OR PERSON IN CONTROL**  
9 **OF THE PROPERTY:**

10 ~~(iii)~~ **(I)** A private dock; or

11 ~~(iv)~~ **(II)** At or near waters' edge on private property;

12 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** Has remained on private property other than the private  
13 property described in ~~item (2)~~ **ITEMS (2) AND (3)** of this subsection for more than 180  
14 days without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property; or

15 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** Has been found adrift or unattended in or upon the waters of  
16 the State, and is found in a condition of disrepair as to constitute a hazard or  
17 obstruction to the use of the waters of the State or presents a potential health or  
18 environmental hazard.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.