

# HOUSE BILL 894

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Hand–Launched Vessels – Statewide Pass**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a  
4 certain statewide pass for certain hand–launched vessels; requiring the  
5 Department to issue a pass to certain persons who apply and pay a certain fee  
6 to the Department; authorizing a certain holder of a pass to use certain boating  
7 access facilities subject to certain requirements; requiring a pass to be displayed  
8 in a certain manner; requiring certain fees be distributed to a special fund for a  
9 certain purpose; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a statewide  
10 pass for hand–launched vessels.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Natural Resources  
13 Section 8–703.3  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 **8–703.3.**

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
21 MEANINGS INDICATED.

22 (2) “HAND–LAUNCHED VESSEL” INCLUDES:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (I) A KAYAK;
- 2 (II) A CANOE; OR
- 3 (III) A CAR-TOP BOAT.
- 4 (3) "PASS" MEANS A STATEWIDE PASS FOR HAND-LAUNCHED  
5 VESSELS.

6 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PASS FOR  
7 HAND-LAUNCHED VESSELS.

8 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A PASS TO ANY PERSON WHO:

9 (1) APPLIES TO THE DEPARTMENT ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE  
10 DEPARTMENT; AND

11 (2) (I) FOR A RESIDENT, PAYS:

12 1. A \$15 FEE FOR A 1-YEAR PASS; OR

13 2. A \$25 FEE FOR A 2-YEAR PASS; OR

14 (II) FOR A NONRESIDENT, PAYS:

15 1. A \$25 FEE FOR A 1-YEAR PASS; OR

16 2. A \$40 FEE FOR A 2-YEAR PASS.

17 (D) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (F) OF THIS SECTION, A  
18 HOLDER OF A PASS MAY USE ANY BOATING ACCESS FACILITY THAT IS OWNED BY  
19 THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO LAUNCH A HAND-LAUNCHED VESSEL  
20 WITHOUT:

21 (I) OBTAINING ANY OTHER PERMIT OR PASS; AND

22 (II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
23 PAYING AN ADDITIONAL FEE, INCLUDING ANY FEE FOR PARKING.

24 (2) A HOLDER OF A PASS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN  
25 ENTRANCE FEE.

26 (E) A HOLDER OF A PASS MAY HAND LAUNCH A TRAILERED VESSEL, IF:

1           **(1) THE TRAILER IS CONFIGURED FOR HAND-LAUNCHING**  
2 **VESSELS; AND**

3           **(2) THE VESSEL IS A NONMOTORIZED VESSEL.**

4           **(F) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
5 **SUBSECTION, A HOLDER OF A PASS SHALL USE A BOAT RAMP DESIGNATED FOR**  
6 **HAND-LAUNCHED VESSELS.**

7           **(2) IF A BOATING ACCESS FACILITY DOES NOT HAVE A BOAT RAMP**  
8 **DESIGNATED FOR HAND-LAUNCHED VESSELS, A HOLDER OF A PASS MAY USE**  
9 **ANY BOAT RAMP AT THE FACILITY.**

10          **(G) A PASS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:**

11           **(1) HUNG FROM THE REARVIEW MIRROR WHEN THE VEHICLE IS**  
12 **PARKED; OR**

13           **(2) FOR A VEHICLE THAT IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH AN INSIDE**  
14 **REARVIEW MIRROR, DISPLAYED IN A POSITION FROM WHICH THE PASS CAN BE**  
15 **VIEWED FROM THE OUTSIDE OF THE VEHICLE THROUGH THE LOWER PORTION**  
16 **OF THE WINDSHIELD.**

17          **(H) A FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED**  
18 **TO A SPECIAL FUND, TO BE USED ONLY FOR CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, OR**  
19 **MAINTENANCE OF BOATING ACCESS AREAS FOR HAND-LAUNCHED VESSELS AT**  
20 **BOATING ACCESS FACILITIES OWNED BY THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

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