

# Chapter 418

## (House Bill 527)

AN ACT concerning

### Natural Resources – Abandoned Vessel – Definition

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

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

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

### Article – Natural Resources

8–721.

(a) In this section, “abandoned vessel” means any vessel that:

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

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

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

**OR**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.**