

HOUSE BILL 299

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Boat Act – Certificate of Number Fee – Altering Motor Horsepower for**
3 **Fee Exemption**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the motor horsepower of a certain vessel in order for the
5 vessel to qualify for an exemption from the certificate of number fee; making
6 stylistic changes; and generally relating to the certificate of number fee.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 8–712(a), (b), and (c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 8–712.

16 (a) (1) **(I)** Any vessel equipped with propulsion machinery of any type
17 on the waters of the State shall be numbered for identification in accordance with this
18 subtitle and any regulation pursuant to it.

19 **(II)** This provision does not apply to the following vessels:

20 **[(i)] 1.** A vessel which has a valid document issued by the
21 United States Coast Guard or its successor;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(ii)] **2.** A vessel with a valid number awarded pursuant to
2 federal law or a federally approved numbering system of another state, if the number
3 awarded is displayed in accordance with the requirements of that system, and the
4 certificate of number is available for inspection whenever the vessel is in use;

5 [(iii)] **3.** A vessel from a country other than the United States
6 temporarily using the waters of the State for less than 90 days;

7 [(iv)] **4.** A vessel used for public service and owned by the
8 United States government, another state, or any political subdivision;

9 [(v)] **5.** A ship's lifeboat;

10 [(vi)] **6.** A vessel propelled only by sail;

11 [(vii)] **7.** A vessel numbered according to the Federal Boat
12 Safety Act of 1971; or

13 [(viii)] **8.** A vessel manually propelled.

14 (2) The Department, by regulation, for the period the Department
15 prescribes may exempt any vessel or class of vessels from the numbering provisions of
16 this subtitle, if the vessel or class of vessels is exempted from the federal numbering
17 requirements by statute, or rule or regulation.

18 (b) **(1)** The owner of any vessel to be numbered by this subtitle shall file
19 an application for a certificate of number with the Department.

20 **(2)** The application is on forms the Department approves, accompanied
21 by the requisite fee, and signed by every vessel owner.

22 (c) (1) **(I)** **1.** Certificates of number issued under this section shall
23 be valid for a period not to exceed 2 years.

24 **2.** The owner of the vessel may apply every other year
25 for renewal of the certificate.

26 **3.** The renewed certificate shall expire on December 31
27 of the calendar year following the year the certificate is issued.

28 **(II)** **1.** **A.** The fee for a 2-year certificate for vessels is
29 \$24.

30 **B.** Vessels 16 feet in length or less and equipped with a
31 [7 1/2] **9.9** horsepower motor or less are exempt from this fee.

