HOUSE BILL 299

M1

4lr0975

By: Delegates Glass, Cluster, McComas, McConkey, McDermott, Myers, Otto, and Parrott

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2014 Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

State Boat Act - Certificate of Number Fee - Altering Motor Horsepower for Fee Exemption

FOR the purpose of altering the motor horsepower of a certain vessel in order for the vessel to qualify for an exemption from the certificate of number fee; making 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.



HOUSE BILL 299

$1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4$	[(ii)] 2. A vessel with a valid number awarded pursuant to federal law or a federally approved numbering system of another state, if the number awarded is displayed in accordance with the requirements of that system, and the certificate of number is available for inspection whenever the vessel is in use;
$5 \\ 6$	[(iii)] 3. A vessel from a country other than the United States temporarily using the waters of the State for less than 90 days;
$7\\8$	[(iv)] 4. A vessel used for public service and owned by the 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;
$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 12 \end{array}$	[(vii)] 7. A vessel numbered according to the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971; or
13	[(viii)] 8. A vessel manually propelled.
$14 \\ 15 \\ 16 \\ 17$	(2) The Department, by regulation, for the period the Department prescribes may exempt any vessel or class of vessels from the numbering provisions of this subtitle, if the vessel or class of vessels is exempted from the federal numbering requirements by statute, or rule or regulation.
18 19	(b) (1) The owner of any vessel to be numbered by this subtitle shall file an application for a certificate of number with the Department.
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$	(2) The application is on forms the Department approves, accompanied by the requisite fee, and signed by every vessel owner.
$\frac{22}{23}$	(c) (1) (I) 1. Certificates of number issued under this section shall be valid for a period not to exceed 2 years.
$\frac{24}{25}$	2. The owner of the vessel may apply every other year for renewal of the certificate.
$\frac{26}{27}$	3. The renewed certificate shall expire on December 31 of the calendar year following the year the certificate is issued.
$\frac{28}{29}$	(II) 1. A. The fee for a 2-year certificate for vessels is \$24.
$\frac{30}{31}$	B. Vessels 16 feet in length or less and equipped with a [7 1/2] 9.9 horsepower motor or less are exempt from this fee.

HOUSE BILL 299

2. The fee to replace a lost, destroyed, or corrected 1 $\mathbf{2}$ certificate is \$2. 3 (III) **1**. The Department shall record any transaction or transfer of numbered boats. 4 2. $\mathbf{5}$ The Department may record any amount of money 6 owing on a vessel required to be numbered at the time of sale. 73. The Department may not effect a transfer of 8 ownership until the amount of money owed as shown on the records of the Department 9 is fully paid or recorded on the new title. 10 (IV) Any vessel that is required to be numbered under this 11 section that is exempt prior to January 1, 1974 shall be exempt from payment of this 12title tax. 13(2)Emergency rescue boats and fire boats that belong to fire departments or rescue squads in Maryland: 1415(i) Shall be exempt from all registration fees; but 16Shall apply for a registration renewal every 3 years. (ii) SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 1718October 1, 2014.