

Chapter 135

**(House Bill 1161)**

AN ACT concerning

**Municipalities – Boat Docking and Storage – User Fees – Authorized Uses**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a municipality to use revenue from a certain user fee on charges for the docking and storage of boats for land acquisition and the related construction and maintenance of public facilities to enhance public use and water access; and generally relating to municipal user fees on charges for the docking and storage of boats.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Local Government  
Section 20–608  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

**Article – Local Government**

20–608.

(a) By ordinance, a municipality may impose a user fee on charges for the docking and storage of boats.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a municipality shall set the rate of the user fee.

(2) The rate of the user fee may not exceed 5% of the rental charges for the docking and storage of boats.

(c) The total amount of user fees charged per boat slip under this section may not exceed \$100 annually.

(d) A municipality shall use any revenue from the user fee authorized under this section:

**(1)** to maintain and enhance:

**[(1)] (1)** water quality;

- [(2)] (II) water and wastewater treatment facilities;
- [(3)] (III) marinas;
- [(4)] (IV) law enforcement;
- [(5)] (V) public safety; or
- [(6)] (VI) fire services; **OR**

**(2) FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND THE RELATED CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC USE AND WATER ACCESS.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.**