

Chapter 272

(Senate Bill 877)

AN ACT concerning

**Waterway Improvement Fund – Public Boating Construction Projects – Financing Limits**

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum cost of a certain construction project that may be wholly financed with funds from the Waterway Improvement Fund; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Waterway Improvement Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Natural Resources  
Section 8–708(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

8–708.

(a) (1) Except as provided in § 8–708.1 of this subtitle, projects for dredging and marking channels and harbors, construction of jetties and breakwaters, and clearing debris, aquatic vegetation, and obstructions in navigable waters, as well as construction of marine facilities located within lands owned by the Department and construction of pump–out stations for use by the general boating public at public and private marinas, shall be financed solely by the Waterway Improvement Fund.

(2) Any funds available from the federal government, any governing body, or any gift also may be used for [these] **THE** purposes **INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

(b) (1) Except for the construction of pump–out stations for use by the general boating public at public and private marinas, the governing body and the Waterway Improvement Fund jointly shall finance projects to construct marine facilities beneficial to the boating public.

(2) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,** THE contribution of the Waterway Improvement Fund shall be limited to not more than 50% of the cost of each project.

**(3)** [However, the] **THE** Waterway Improvement Fund may finance completely any construction project beneficial to the boating public which costs [less than \$100,000] **\$250,000 OR LESS**, regardless of its location.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

**Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.**