

HOUSE BILL 851

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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Marine Contractor License – Performance of Services – Licensing Requirements**
3 **and Fees**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who is employed by a county or municipality
5 in the State to perform marine contractor services while in the performance of the
6 duties of their employment without having to obtain a marine contractor license
7 under certain circumstances; exempting the individual from paying certain licensing
8 and testing fees; and generally relating to marine contractor licenses and fees.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Environment
11 Section 17–301
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Environment**

17 17–301.

18 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person shall be licensed by the
19 Board as a marine contractor or be employed by an individual or entity that is licensed as
20 a marine contractor before the person may:

21 (1) Perform marine contractor services in the State; or

22 (2) Solicit to perform marine contractor services in the State.

23 (b) An individual or an entity may qualify for a license.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) An individual who is employed by an agency of the federal government or the
2 State may perform marine contractor services while in the performance of the duties of
3 their employment without having to obtain a license from the Board under this title.

4 (d) A residential or commercial property owner may perform marine contractor
5 services on the property owner's own property without having to obtain a license from the
6 Board under this title.

7 **(E) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED**
8 **BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE.**

9 **(2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PERFORMS MARINE CONTRACTOR SERVICES**
10 **WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT IS NOT**
11 **REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE FOR:**

12 **(I) THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE; OR**

13 **(II) A TEST ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD.**

14 **(3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
15 **PARAGRAPH, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY PERFORM MARINE CONTRACTOR SERVICES**
16 **WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT**
17 **HAVING TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE BOARD UNDER THIS TITLE IF THE**
18 **INDIVIDUAL IS PERFORMING MARINE CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR:**

19 **1. THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF A TIDAL**
20 **IMPOUNDMENT DIKE, AN AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE DITCH, A HIGHWAY DRAINAGE**
21 **DITCH, A ROADSIDE DRAINAGE DITCH, OR AN OUTLET FOR A ROADSIDE DRAINAGE**
22 **DITCH; OR**

23 **2. ANY OTHER MARINE CONTRACTOR SERVICE THAT**
24 **THE BOARD DETERMINES WOULD PRESENT A DE MINIMIS RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH**
25 **OR THE ENVIRONMENT.**

26 **(II) IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS PERFORMING MARINE CONTRACTOR**
27 **SERVICES FOR THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF AN EXISTING SHORE**
28 **EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURE, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM**
29 **THE BOARD UNDER THIS TITLE.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2022.