

HOUSE BILL 617

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By: **Delegate Schmidt**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Operation of Vessels in Controlled Water Ski Area in**
3 **Maynadier Creek**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to operate or give permission to operate a vessel
5 for the purpose of towing a water skier in a slalom ski course located in a controlled
6 water ski area in Maynadier Creek during certain times on certain days; prohibiting
7 a person from operating or giving permission to operate a vessel for the purpose of
8 towing a water skier in a slalom ski course located in a controlled water ski area in
9 Maynadier Creek on certain days and State holidays; and generally relating to the
10 operation of a vessel on a slalom ski course in a controlled water ski area.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 8–725.1
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Chapter 747 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
18 Section 4

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Natural Resources
21 Section 8–725.1
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Natural Resources**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 8-725.1.

2 (a) In this section, “controlled water ski area” means an area that:

3 (1) Is marked by the Department;

4 (2) Encompasses a slalom ski course that is permitted by the U.S. Army
5 Corps of Engineers; and

6 (3) Is designed, constructed, and intended for controlled water ski practice.

7 (b) This section applies to a controlled water ski area located in Maynadier Creek.

8 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person may operate or give
9 permission to operate a vessel for the purpose of towing a water skier in a slalom ski course
10 located in a controlled water ski area only on:

11 (i) Mondays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;

12 (ii) Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 8:00 a.m. and sunset;

13 (iii) Fridays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; or

14 (iv) Sundays between 8:00 a.m. and noon.

15 (2) A person may not operate or give permission to operate a vessel for the
16 purpose of towing a water skier in a slalom ski course located in a controlled water ski area
17 on:

18 (i) Saturdays; or

19 (ii) State holidays.

20 **Chapter 747 of the Acts of 2019**

21 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
22 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of May 31, 2023,
23 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
24 of no further force and effect.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
26 as follows:

27 **Article – Natural Resources**

28 **8-725.1.**

1 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CONTROLLED WATER SKI AREA” MEANS AN AREA**
2 **THAT:**

3 **(1) IS MARKED BY THE DEPARTMENT;**

4 **(2) ENCOMPASSES A SLALOM SKI COURSE THAT IS PERMITTED BY**
5 **THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS; AND**

6 **(3) IS DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED, AND INTENDED FOR CONTROLLED**
7 **WATER SKI PRACTICE.**

8 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A CONTROLLED WATER SKI AREA LOCATED**
9 **IN MAYNADIER CREEK.**

10 **(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON**
11 **MAY OPERATE OR GIVE PERMISSION TO OPERATE A VESSEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
12 **TOWING A WATER SKIER IN A SLALOM SKI COURSE LOCATED IN A CONTROLLED**
13 **WATER SKI AREA ONLY ON:**

14 **(I) MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 6:00**
15 **P.M.;**

16 **(II) TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND**
17 **SUNSET;**

18 **(III) FRIDAYS BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M.; OR**

19 **(IV) SUNDAYS BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND NOON.**

20 **(2) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE OR GIVE PERMISSION TO OPERATE**
21 **A VESSEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF TOWING A WATER SKIER IN A SLALOM SKI COURSE**
22 **LOCATED IN A CONTROLLED WATER SKI AREA ON:**

23 **(I) SATURDAYS; OR**

24 **(II) STATE HOLIDAYS.**

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take
26 effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 4 of Chapter 747
27 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019. If that termination provision takes effect,
28 Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
29 abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any
30 effect on the termination provision.

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of
2 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2023.