

HOUSE BILL 931

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By: **Delegate Hutchinson**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Tidal Wetlands – Construction of Piers**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, in making a decision on an application for a license or
4 permit to construct a pier, the Department of the Environment from considering any
5 vessel owned by the applicant as a condition for issuing the license or permit; and
6 generally relating to tidal wetlands and the construction of piers.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 16–105.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Environment**

15 **16–105.1.**

16 **IN MAKING A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE OR PERMIT TO**
17 **CONSTRUCT A PIER, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT CONSIDER ANY VESSEL OWNED BY**
18 **THE APPLICANT AS A CONDITION FOR ISSUING THE LICENSE OR PERMIT.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2024.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

