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By: **Senator Bailey**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) Workgroup**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS)
4 Workgroup to study issues and factors regarding the feasibility of establishing a
5 Waterway Incident Notification System to notify members of the public of certain
6 waterway emergencies; and generally relating to the Waterway Incident Notification
7 System (WINS) Workgroup.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) There is a Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) Workgroup.

11 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

12 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
13 the Senate;

14 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
15 House;

16 (3) the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary's designee;

17 (4) the Chair of the Maryland 9-1-1 Board, or the Chair's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (5) the Superintendent of the Natural Resources Police, or the
2 Superintendent's designee;

3 (6) the Secretary of Information Technology, or the Secretary's designee;

4 (7) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee; and

5 (8) the following representatives:

6 (i) one representative from the Dorchester County Emergency
7 Management Division, appointed by the Director of the Dorchester County Department of
8 Emergency Services;

9 (ii) one representative from the Anne Arundel County Office of
10 Emergency Management, appointed by the Director of the Anne Arundel County Office of
11 Emergency Management; and

12 (iii) one representative from the St. Mary's County Emergency
13 Management Division, appointed by the Director of the St. Mary's County Department of
14 Emergency Services.

15 (c) The Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary's designee, may
16 appoint additional members to the Workgroup.

17 (d) The Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary's designee, shall
18 designate the chair of the Workgroup.

19 (e) The Maryland Department of Emergency Management shall provide staff for
20 the Workgroup.

21 (f) A member of the Workgroup:

22 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

23 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
24 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

25 (g) A member of the Workgroup serves at the pleasure of the person who
26 appointed the member.

27 (h) At the Workgroup's first meeting, the Workgroup shall vote to adopt a code of
28 conduct providing for the acceptable conduct of Workgroup members.

29 (i) The Workgroup shall study and make recommendations regarding:

1 (1) the feasibility of establishing a Waterway Incident Notification System
2 to notify members of the public, including recreational boaters and commercial watermen,
3 of active waterway emergencies involving a person at risk of death or serious bodily harm,
4 emergency marine events, or marine hazards; and

5 (2) potential partnerships among the State, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S.
6 Navy, and nearby states to improve notifications to members of the public, including
7 recreational boaters and commercial watermen, of waterway emergencies involving a
8 person at risk of death or serious bodily harm, emergency marine events, or marine
9 hazards.

10 ~~(h)~~ (j) (1) On or before December 31, 2024, the Workgroup shall submit an
11 interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with
12 § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

13 (2) On or before September 30, 2025, the Workgroup shall submit a final
14 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
15 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
17 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June
18 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
19 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.