

# HOUSE BILL 1322

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Vessels – Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels**  
3 **(Matthew’s Law)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline–powered vessel  
5 manufactured after a certain date on the waters of the State unless the vessel has  
6 carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in certain areas of  
7 the vessel; and generally relating to the State Boat Act.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Natural Resources

10 Section 8–740.2

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 **8–740.2.**

17 **A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A GASOLINE–POWERED VESSEL**  
18 **MANUFACTURED AFTER JULY 31, 2007, ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNLESS THE**

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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 VESSEL HAS CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING LABELS AFFIXED IN CONSPICUOUS  
2 LOCATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF BOTH THE TRANSOM AND THE HELM OF THE VESSEL.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.