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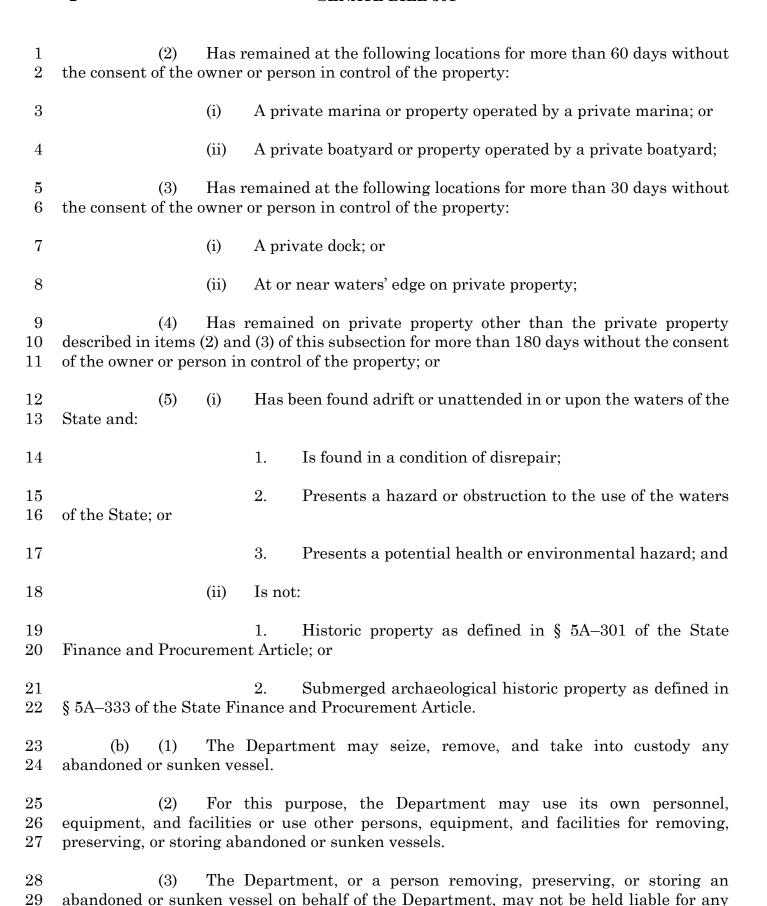
By: Senator Salling

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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Natural Resources – Removal and Storage of Abandoned or Sunken Vessels – Funding
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to use funds budgeted for the Natural Resources Police to remove or store certain abandoned or sunken vessels; and generally relating to the removal of abandoned or sunker vessels.
8 9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Natural Resources Section 8–721(a) and (b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
13 14 15 16 17	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Natural Resources Section 8–721(j) Annotated Code of Maryland (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
18 19	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
20	Article - Natural Resources
21	8–721.
22	(a) In this section, "abandoned or sunken vessel" means any vessel that:
23 24	(1) Is left illegally or has remained without permission for more than 30 days on public property, including public marinas, docks, or boatyards:





- damage to an abandoned or sunken vessel which may occur during removal, storage, or custody of the vessel.
- 3 (j) The Department may [not] use funds budgeted for the Natural Resources 4 Police for the purpose of removing or storing abandoned or sunken vessels under this 5 section.
- $\,\,$ SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 7 $\,\,$ 1, 2025.