

SENATE BILL 1028

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CF HB 1322

By: **Senator Gile**

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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~~ motorized
5 vessel manufactured after a certain date that has a cabin or other closed living space
6 on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels
7 affixed in conspicuous locations in certain areas of the vessel; prohibiting the
8 Department of Natural Resources from imposing a certain penalty; and generally
9 relating to the State Boat Act.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Natural Resources

12 Section 8–740.2

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 **8–740.2.**

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 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "MOTORIZED VESSEL" DOES NOT INCLUDE A VESSEL**
2 **POWERED BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR.**

3 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A ~~GASOLINE-POWERED~~ MOTORIZED**
4 **VESSEL MANUFACTURED AFTER JULY 31, 2007, THAT HAS A CABIN OR OTHER**
5 **CLOSED LIVING SPACE ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNLESS THE VESSEL HAS**
6 **CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING LABELS AFFIXED IN CONSPICUOUS LOCATIONS IN THE**
7 **VICINITY OF BOTH THE TRANSOM AND THE HELM OF THE VESSEL.**

8 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT IMPOSE A PENALTY ON A PERSON THAT**
9 **VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.