

Chapter 534

(Senate Bill 103)

AN ACT concerning

Boating Accidents – Reporting Requirement – Property Damage

FOR the purpose of specifying that property damage that results from an accident that involves certain vessels includes damage to navigational aid markers, lights, or identifiers for purposes of a certain reporting requirement; and generally relating to reporting property damage that results from an accident that involves certain vessels.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–724(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

8–724.

(b) If an accident involves any vessel subject to this subtitle while on the waters of the State and results in the death, disappearance, or injury of any person or in property damage of \$2,000 or more, or there is complete loss of the vessel, the operator shall file with the Department a full description of the accident, including any information the Department requires by regulation. If the operator is unable to file the report, the vessel owner shall file the report. If the accident caused the death or disappearance of any person or a person receives medical treatment beyond first aid, the report shall be made within 48 hours. Any other accident resulting in personal injury or property damage, **INCLUDING DAMAGE TO NAVIGATIONAL AID MARKERS, LIGHTS, OR IDENTIFIERS**, shall be reported within 10 days. This subsection does not apply to a vessel required to have a certificate of inspection under Chapter 1, Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2025.