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BY: Senator Bailey
(To be offered in the Judicial Proceedings Committee)

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 336
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 21, strike “and”; and after line 21, insert:

“(7) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary’s designee; and”.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “(7)” and substitute “(8)”; after line 10, insert:

“(c) The Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary’s designee, may appoint additional members to the Workgroup.”;

in lines 11, 13, 15, and 19, strike “(c)”, “(d)”, “(e)”, and “(f)”, respectively, and substitute “(d)”, “(e)”, “(f)”, and “(g)”, respectively; after line 28, insert:

“(h) (1) On or before December 31, 2023, the Workgroup shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”;

in line 29, strike “(g)” and substitute “(2)”; in the same line, strike “December 31, 2023” and substitute “September 30, 2024”; in same line, after “shall” insert “submit a final”; in the same line, after “report” insert “of”; and in line 33, strike “1 year” and substitute “2 years”.

On page 3, line 1, strike “2024” and substitute “2025”.

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February 14, 2023

Senate Bill 336 – Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) Workgroup

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to introduce Senate Bill 336, which would establish the Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) Workgroup.

This workgroup would study the feasibility of establishing a Waterway Incident Notification System to notify members of the public of active waterway emergencies involving a person at risk of death or serious bodily harm, emergency marine events, or marine hazards. This legislation has been introduced in response to a number of recent incidents in our State's waterways and is intended to improve the ability of members of the public to be aware of these serious emergencies in the water in their area, both for their own safety and also so that they can assist in locating individuals reported as missing.

After discussions with the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, we have determined that the best way to move forward is by forming a workgroup. This legislation will bring together representatives of MDEM, the Natural Resources Police, the Department of Information Technology, the 9-1-1 Board, and local emergency management officials, and members of the General Assembly to determine the best way to create and implement such a system.

I am introducing with this bill an amendment that will add the Department of the Environment to the workgroup at their request. The amendment would also add a provision to give the Chair of the workgroup discretion to add other members; this was requested by MDEM and reflects similar workgroups that MDEM has participated in before. Finally, the amendment will push back the deadline for the final report to September 30, 2024, with an interim report due on December 31, 2023, to allow the workgroup the flexibility to have more time for their report if needed.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 336 with these amendments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bailey'.

Senator Jack Bailey

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**The Maryland Department of the Environment
Secretary-Designee Serena McIlwain**

***Senate Bill 336
Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) Workgroup***

Position: Supports with Amendments
Committee: Judicial Proceedings Committee
Date: February 14, 2023
From: Gabrielle Leach

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE or the Department) **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** Senate Bill 336. This bill would establish the Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) workgroup to study issues and factors regarding the feasibility of establishing a Waterway Incident Notification System to notify members of the public of certain waterway emergencies; and generally relating to the Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) Workgroup.

The Work Group's membership consists of state legislators, state and local emergency management personnel, and representatives from the Departments of Emergency Management and Information Technology. The Maryland Department of Emergency Management shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

Bill Amendment:

MDE also plays an important role in responding to water emergencies that threaten water quality or the environment. Consequently, the Department would request a membership spot on the Workgroup.

On page 1, in line 21, before “and” insert “(7) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary’s designee;”.

On page 2, in line one, strike “(7)” and substitute “(8)”.

The Department has spoken with the sponsor and they agreed to this amendment. For the reasons detailed above, MDE urges a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report for Senate Bill 336.

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**Letter of Information - SB0336
Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) Workgroup**

Maryland Department of Emergency Management
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Hearing Date: 14 FEB 2023

Chairman William C. Smith, Jr.
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Chairman Smith, Jr.,

The Maryland Department of Emergency Management writes today to share information on SB0336 - Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) Workgroup.

Studying the feasibility of a waterway incident notification system will be a complex effort, inclusive of various federal and state regulations, jurisdictional considerations, response considerations, and technology considerations. There are a number of entities with roles, responsibilities, and authorities related to dispatch and response to waterway incidents, and safety and liability considerations to be cognizant of when alerting the general public to an ongoing rescue effort.

MDEM respectfully requests the Committee consider extending the timeframe of this workgroup to December 2024, as the complexity of such an undertaking in a short period of time may not lead to adequately informed recommendations. MDEM would also like to note that, based on past experience staffing several similar workgroups, the Department does not currently have the resources available required to support this effort.

MDEM appreciates the opportunity to share this information with the Committee on SB0336. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Sierra, MDEM legislative liaison: anna.sierra1@maryland.gov.