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**BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 597 – Third Reader** 

SHORT TITLE: Human Services – Individuals With Disabilities and Service–Disabled Veterans

**Boating Fund** 

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: SUPPORT

## EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION

The agency supports the creation of the Individuals with Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund.

One the agency's core objectives is to have diverse outdoor recreation opportunities for Maryland citizens and visitors – and having a fund to provide grants for providing sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, and paddleboarding opportunities for individuals with disabilities and service—disabled veterans adds support to programs that help citizens experience our State's great outdoor recreation.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

No similar bills have been proposed previously.

## **BILL EXPLANATION**

The bill creates the Individuals with Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund.