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BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 637 – First Reader

SHORT TITLE: State and Private Wetlands - Nonwater-Dependent Project - Definition

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: LETTER OF INFORMATION

EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT’S POSITION

The Department requires vessels equipped with propulsion machinery to be registered unless exempted under Natural Resources Article, Section 8-712. This includes registered vessels that are no longer using their propulsion machinery including vessels that are dry-docked or stored on a lift for purposes other than navigating state waters. This bill would broaden the definition of nonwater-dependent projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

None.

BILL EXPLANATION

The bill adds any vessel regardless of how it is used or operated to the definition of ‘nonwater-dependent projects.’