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BILL NUMBER: House Bill 425 – First Reader

SHORT TITLE: Natural Resources - State Boat Act – Auctioneers

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: SUPPORT

EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT’S POSITION

DNR supports removing auctioneers from the definition of those required to obtain a boat dealer’s license as there are currently only four auctioneer businesses who are licensed as a Maryland boat dealer with only a minimal amount of vessel sales.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Not requiring auctioneer businesses to obtain a Maryland boat dealer license will alleviate them from having to obtain a surety bond, submit monthly reports, and having to submit their paperwork to the Department.

BILL EXPLANATION

This bill seeks to remove “auctioneers” from the definition of those required to obtain a boat dealer’s license