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BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 23 – Third Reader

SHORT TITLE: Natural Resources - State Boat Act – Auctioneers

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: SUPPORT

EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT’S POSITION

DNR supports removing the requirement for auctioneer businesses to obtain a Maryland boat dealer 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. This will also be more efficient for operations of auctioneers, as well as for the Department.

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 DNR Licensing and Registration Service.

BILL EXPLANATION

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

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