

- (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters in the State.
- (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:
- (1) a member of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - (2) a member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - (3) two representatives of the Department of Natural Resources, one of whom shall be a Natural Resources Police Officer, appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources;
  - (4) a representative of the Motor Vehicle Administration appointed by the Motor Vehicle Administrator; and
  - (5) three persons appointed by the Governor, including:
    - (i) a representative of an organization that represents the interests of boaters in the State; and
    - (ii) an owner and operator of a marina in the State.
- (c) The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Task Force.
- (d) The Task Force shall:
- (1) study the feasibility of licensing boaters in the State, including issues regarding:
    - (i) out-of-state boaters; and
    - (ii) Maryland residents who register a boat in another state;
  - (2) study security issues involved in issuing a boating license, and whether a boating license could be issued in conjunction with a Maryland driver's license;
  - (3) study the benefits and costs associated with establishing a State boating license, including the benefits of increased boater safety;
  - (4) study methods of incorporating boater safety education into a boating licensing mechanism;
  - (5) consider the effect of a boating license requirement on tourism and economic development;
  - (6) survey actions taken by other states to address concerns regarding boating safety; and
  - (7) make any recommendations with respect to the feasibility and desirability of establishing and implementing a State boating license.