

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 8-701(k) through (q), respectively, of Article - Natural Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8-701(l) through (r), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Natural Resources**

8-701.

(K) "PARASAILING" MEANS A PARACHUTE OR OTHER DEVICE WHICH CAUSES A PERSON TO BECOME AIRBORNE WHEN TOWED BY A VESSEL.

8-725.

(a) This section does not apply to:

- (1) Any performer engaged in a professional exhibition; or
- (2) Any person taking part in:
  - (i) An authorized regatta, motorboat race, or other boat race; or
  - (ii) Any marine parade, tournament, or exhibition.

(b) A person may not operate any machinery-propelled vessel for the purpose of towing a person on OR ATTACHED TO water skis, aquaplane, PARASAIL, or similar device unless the vessel operator is at least 12 years old and another person, at least 12 years old, is in the vessel to observe the progress of the person being towed. Towing may not occur between sunset and sunrise.

(c) (1) In this subsection, "personal flotation device" includes:

- (i) A life jacket;
- (ii) A life vest;
- (iii) A life preserver;
- (iv) A barefoot wet suit; or
- (v) A trick skiing wet suit.

(2) A person who is in OR OVER the waters of the State and is being towed behind a vessel must wear a personal flotation device.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.