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CHAPTER 826

(House Bill 989)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 4A, 4D, 4E[(a)] (b) and (c), 4-I, 4K, 4M, 4-0, 5, 6 (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), 9 [and 12F]] of Article 14B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "State Boat Act," to amend the State Boat Act to permit numbering of boats not required to be numbered; to require titling within thirty (30) days after acquisition and the form of certification for application; to require reporting of transfers by dealers; to require dealers to forward monies and application; to provide for tax free transfer between certain parties; to require manufacturers and dealers to supply transferees with certain certificates; to make certain transfers tax exempt; to provide for return of mutilated or illegible certificates; to make certain certificates of number invalid on certain chartered or leased vessels; to specify the time for temporary use of Maryland waters; to extend the scope of required numbering; to exempt certain vessels from the certification fee and title tax; to provide for certificate renewal fee or service charge and to increase the fee for lost certificates and the title tax; to provide for assistance in boating accidents and immunity from civil liability for those rendering assistance; to substitute the Department of Natural Resources for the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs and the Commission of Chesapeake Bay Affairs as to certain functions; to set the time limit which un-numbered foreign vessels may stay in Maryland waters; and to amend the State Boat Act generally so as to comply with the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 4A, 4D, 4E[(a)] (b) and (c), 4-I, 4K, 4M, 4-0, 5, 6 (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), 9 [and 12F]] of Article 14B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement) title "State Boat Act" be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

4A.

(a) Except as provided in Section 4B, every owner of a vessel principally used upon the waters of Maryland and [required] to be numbered by this State [as set forth in Section 5 of this article] shall make application to the Department for a certificate of title for the vessel.

(b) Except as provided in Section 4B, the Department shall not issue or renew a certificate of number to any vessel required to be registered and numbered in this State unless a certificate of title has been issued by the Department to the owner.

4D.

(a) Every owner of a vessel subject to titling under the provisions of this article shall WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER ACQUISITION make application to the Department for the issuance of a certificate of title for such vessel accompanied by the required fee and tax upon forms prescribed by the Department. The application shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths OR A CERTIFICATION SIGNED IN WRITING CONTAINING SUBSTANTIALLY THE REPRESENTATION, UNDER THE