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(a) No manufacturer or dealer in vessels shall carry on or conduct such a business in this State unless licensed as a manufacturer of or a dealer in vessels pursuant to regulations adopted by the Department.

(b) Application for a manufacturer's or a dealer's license shall be made upon the form prescribed by the Department and shall contain the name and address of the applicant; and when the applicant is a partnership, the name and address of each partner; or when the applicant is a corporation, the names of the principal officers of the corporation and the state in which incorporated, together with the addresses of all places where his business as a manufacturer or a dealer in vessels is to be conducted, the nature of the business, and such other information as may be required by the Department. Every application shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the applicant, if an individual, or in the event the applicant is a partnership or corporation then by the partner or officer thereof. Every application shall be accompanied by the fee required by subsection (e).

(c) The Department, upon receiving an application accompanied by the required fee, and subject to the provision of subsection (b), shall issue to the applicant a license certificate which shall entitle the licensee to carry on and conduct the business of a manufacturer or a dealer during the calendar year in which the license is issued. Every license shall expire on December 31 of each year in which issued and may be renewed upon application and payment of the fee required by law.

(d) The Department may refuse to issue a license or, after written notice to the licensee and a hearing, may cancel a license when satisfied the applicant for a license or the licensee has failed to comply with the provisions of this article.

(e) The annual license fee for manufacturers of or dealers in vessels shall be a sum to be fixed by the Department not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(f) Numbers displayed by authority of manufacturer's or dealer's certificates of number may be transferred from one vessel to another vessel owned by the manufacturer or dealer and may be affixed in a temporary manner. Such numbers shall only be used on vessels being demonstrated, tested or owned by the manufacturer or dealer, **AND THESE NUMBERS ARE NOT VALID FOR USE ON THE VESSELS WHEN CHARTERED, RENTED OR LEASED BY THE MANUFACTURER OR DEALER.**

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(a) Every vessel [, except those manually propelled,] **EQUIPPED WITH PROPULSION MACHINERY OF ANY TYPE** found upon the waters of Maryland shall be numbered for identification in accordance with this article and any regulations supplementary thereto except:

(1) A vessel which has a valid document issued by the [Bureau of Customs of the] United States **COAST GUARD** or any federal agency successor thereto;

(2) A vessel with a valid number awarded to it pursuant to federal law or a federally approved numbering system of another state, provided that such boat shall not have been in Maryland in excess of ninety days and the number so awarded is displayed in accordance with the requirements of that system and the certificate of number is available for inspection whenever the vessel is in use **AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE FEDERAL BOAT SAFETY ACT OF 1971 (PUBLIC LAW 72-75);**

(3) A vessel from a country other than the United States temporarily using the waters of Maryland **FOR LESS THAN 90 DAYS;**

(4) A vessel which is owned by the United States government, another state, or any political subdivision thereof, used [in service of the public] **FOR GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES AND WHICH IS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS SUCH;**

(5) A ship's lifeboat;

(6) A vessel [under twenty-five (25) feet in length] propelled only by sail;