

as Article 14B, section 1(a) of the Code. The definition has been extended to include equipment and gear normally considered a part of a vessel, in order to conform to Federal regulations. The only other changes made are in style.

(P) "WATERS OF THE STATE" MEANS ANY WATER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE, THE MARGINAL SEA ADJACENT TO THE STATE, AND THE HIGH SEAS WHEN NAVIGATED AS PART OF A RIDE OR JOURNEY TO OR FROM THE SHORE OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 14B, section 1(c) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

8-702. LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF SUBTITLE.

IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS SUBTITLE TO FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT, USE, AND ENJOYMENT OF ALL THE WATERS OF MARYLAND. THE STATE SHALL COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT WITH NEIGHBORING STATES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ASSISTANCE AND RESCUE OPERATIONS AND IN ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 14B, section 3 of the Code, as amended by chapter 348, Acts of 1972. The only changes made are in style.

8-703. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE. IN ADDITION, IT SHALL :

(1) DEVELOP PLANS, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AVAILABLE INCOME, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND PROMOTION OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES;

(2) PROMOTE SAFETY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY THROUGH AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTED TO BOAT OWNERS, BOAT OPERATORS, AND OTHERS, CONCERNING THE INHERENT HAZARDS TO VESSELS AND PEOPLE ON THE WATERS, INCLUDING PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED, AND EMERGENCY ACTION;

(3) PLAN A REGULATORY PROGRAM AND ITS RELATED COOPERATION WITH OFFICIALS OF OTHER STATES,