

of 1973. The word "document" is inserted in place of the "certificate of number, title, permit, license or registration". This change gives the department full authority and avoids confusion. This provision refers only to a manufacturer's or dealer's license since this is the only license document the department issues. Unlike other states, Maryland does not require a boat operator's license.

The present reference to a permit and a registration is confusing. The department advises that it issues no permits or registrations for boats and vessels. Also, the statutes within this subtitle, except for section 8-712(c) and (f), do not refer to such documents. They only refer to certificates of number and of title. The only other changes made are in style.

8-704. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(A) IN GENERAL.--THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from Article 14B, section 12D of the Code.

(B) NUMBERING, SAFETY EQUIPMENT, AND OPERATION OF VESSELS.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THE NUMBERING OF VESSELS FOR IDENTIFICATION, SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON VESSELS, AND OPERATIONS OF ANY VESSELS SUBJECT TO THIS SUBTITLE SO THAT EACH VESSEL COMPLYING WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY BE OPERATED WITH EQUAL FREEDOM OR UNDER SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS ON ALL WATERS OF THE STATE. THE NUMBERING SYSTEM USED SHALL CONFORM TO THE ONE ADOPTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY NOT CONFLICT WITH ANY FEDERAL LAW, OR RULE AND REGULATION APPLICABLE TO VESSELS ON THE WATERS IN THE STATE;

(2) THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND CERTIFICATES OF BOAT NUMBER;

(3) INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING REPORTS AND