

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 695

(Senate Bill 375)

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Rescue Boats - Registration Fee

~~FOR the purpose of exempting rescue boats that belong to a fire department or rescue squad from all fees.~~
FOR the purpose of requiring rescue boats that belong to fire companies or rescue squads to apply for a registration renewal every 3 years from a certain date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-712(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

8-712.

(c) (1) The annual fee for each certificate of boat number is \$5 for the calendar year in which the certificate is issued. However, any vessel 16 feet in length, or less, equipped with a 7 1/2 horsepower motor, or less, is exempt from this fee. The fee to replace a lost, destroyed, or corrected certificate is \$2. The Department shall record any transaction or transfer of numbered boats. It may record any amount of money owing on a vessel required to be numbered at the time of sale. The Department may not effect a transfer of ownership until the amount of money owed as shown on the records of the Department is fully paid or recorded on the new title. Any vessel that is required to be numbered by § 8-712 that is exempt prior to January 1, 1974, shall be exempt from payment of this title tax.

(2) EMERGENCY RESCUE BOATS THAT BELONG TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR RESCUE SQUADS IN MARYLAND SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL FEES APPLY FOR A REGISTRATION RENEWAL EVERY 3 YEARS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE REGISTRATION IN EFFECT ON JULY 1, 1979 WAS OBTAINED.