

(5) Improvement, reconstruction, or removal of bridges, drawbridges, or similar structures over or across waters, if those structures delay, impede, or obstruct the boating public. With the approval of the Board of Public Works, funds from another public or any private source may be received and used to supplement and increase the funds in the Waterways Improvement Fund for the purpose of this subsection. Also, the Board of Public Works may enter into an agreement with a private company or person which owns such a structure, for the improvement, reconstruction, or removal of the structure, in order to provide a sharing of the cost of the improvement, reconstruction, or removal[.];

(6) Evaluation of water-oriented recreation needs and recreational capacities of Maryland waterways, and development of comprehensive plans for waterways improvements[.]; AND

(7) To provide matching grants to local governments FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MARINE FACILITIES FOR MARINE FIREFIGHTING, ~~POLICE~~, MARINE POLICE, OR MEDICAL SERVICES, AND for the acquisition of vessels, and equipment for vessels for marine firefighting, police, medical, and communication equipment for promoting safety of life and property and general service to the boating public utilizing the waters of the State. The ownership, operation, and maintenance of any equipment acquired under this subtitle shall be the responsibility of the local governing body.

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(e) The contribution of the Waterways Improvement Fund shall be limited to not more than 50 percent of the cost of each acquisition, and the total amount of funds expended in any fiscal year for acquisitions AND PROJECTS specified in § 8-707(7) of this subtitle shall not exceed the amount of the motor vehicle fuel tax paid to the Waterways Improvement Fund in the preceding fiscal year, as provided for in Article 56, § 137.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

May 19, 1981

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1255.