

of not more than \$100,000 may be expended for boating safety and education.

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] UNDER THIS SECTION that is exempt prior to January 1, 1974, shall be exempt from payment of this title tax.

8-716.

(d) Notwithstanding [the provisions of § 8-724] § 8-723 OF THIS SUBTITLE, the Department deposits funds from the title tax levied under this section with the Comptroller of the Treasury in the [Waterways] WATERWAY Improvement Fund to be expended only for the purposes specified.

8-732.

(b) If the Department determines after a hearing and following due notice to all parties interested that an indebtedness does not constitute a security interest, it shall release the indebtedness upon the certificate of title or issue a new certificate of title [or issue a new certificate], and mail or deliver the certificate of title to the owner. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Department may appeal in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

8-736.

(a) The Department shall prescribe and provide suitable forms of applications, [certificate] CERTIFICATES of title, notices of security interests, and all other notices and forms necessary to carry out §§ 8-729 through 8-736.

8-806.

(b) The applicant personally or by registered or certified mail shall serve every adjacent property owner with notice of the application and certify this fact to the Department. The Department shall provide, to the public and the applicant, notice of the application and the opportunity for public hearing by publication once in each week for two successive weeks after receipt of the application, in a daily newspaper published in one