

## CHAPTER 672

(Senate Bill 296)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Pursuit of Offenders Across  
Maryland-Virginia Water Boundary

FOR the purpose of allowing certain legally constituted authorities in Maryland to pursue certain persons who have committed certain offenses on the waters of the State of Maryland across the border and into the Commonwealth of Virginia; allowing certain legally constituted authorities in Virginia to pursue certain persons who have committed certain offenses on the waters of Virginia across the border and into Maryland; providing for the effect of certain laws where an offense occurs during the capture of persons under continuous pursuit under this Act; and providing for certain conditions concerning the effectiveness and duration of this Act.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 1-210  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Natural Resources

1-210.

(A) (1) WHEN, IN THE OPINION OF THE LEGALLY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES OF MARYLAND, THERE HAS OCCURRED ON THE WATERS OF MARYLAND A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE, OR WHEN, IN THE OPINION OF THE LEGALLY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES OF VIRGINIA, THERE HAS OCCURRED ON THE WATERS OF VIRGINIA A VIOLATION OF THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA ENFORCEABLE UNDER § 28.1-185 OR § 28.1-185.1, CODE OF VIRGINIA, THE LEGALLY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED MAY PURSUE THE OFFENDER UP TO AND ACROSS THE MARYLAND-VIRGINIA BOUNDARY INTO THE STATE IN WHICH THE OFFENDER FLEES.

(2) IF A CAPTURE IS MADE IN CONTINUOUS PURSUIT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE OFFENDER, VESSEL, AND PROPERTY SHALL BE DEALT WITH AS AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.