

CHAPTER 130

(Senate Bill 318)

AN ACT concerning

Vessel Excise Tax – Family Transfers – Documented Vessels

FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from the vessel excise tax for federally documented vessels transferred between certain family members under certain conditions; and generally relating to the application of the vessel excise tax to certain federally documented vessels.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 8–716(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

8–716.

(e) A person is not required to pay the tax provided for in subsection (c) of this section resulting from:

(1) A transfer between members of the immediate family as determined by Department regulations;

(2) A TRANSFER BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY AS DETERMINED BY DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS OF A DOCUMENTED VESSEL FOR WHICH THE TRANSFEROR APPLIED FOR AND WAS ISSUED A VALID USE STICKER UNDER § 8–712.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

[(2)] (3) A transfer to a licensed dealer of a vessel for resale, rental, or leasing purposes;

[(3)] (4) The holding of a vessel that is titled or numbered in another state or is federally documented, provided:

(i) The vessel is held for resale or listed for resale by a licensed dealer; and

(ii) The vessel owner signs an affidavit that there will be no use of the vessel on the waters of the State other than for a sea trial;

[(4)] (5) Purchase of a vessel by the State or any political subdivision;

[(5)] (6) Purchase of a vessel by an eleemosynary organization which the Secretary has approved;