Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-744 8-738.1

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:

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(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

- (1) COORDINATE WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A DATABASE THAT COMPARES THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE APPLIED UNDER § 8-712 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER FOR A MOTORIZED VESSEL WITH THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE DRIVER'S LICENSE IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION;
- (2) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROCRAM TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF MOTORIZED VESSELS TO OBTAIN AN AFFIDAVIT FROM ANY PERSON THE OWNER ALLOWS TO OPERATE THE OWNER'S MOTORIZED VESSEL, INCLUDING ANY PERSON TO WHOM THE OWNER RENTS, LEASES, OR LENDS THE VESSEL, CERTIFYING THAT THE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE THAT IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION; AND
- (3) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF MOTORIZED VESSELS TO FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT ALL AFFIDAVITS OBTAINED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- (B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. 8-738.1.

(a) A person may not:

- (1) Operate a vessel recklessly or in a manner that may endanger another or the property of another on a bay, creek, lake, river, or stream in the State; or
- (2) Come into a wharf or bathing shore recklessly or in a manner that may endanger a person or property.
- (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to:
- (1) FOR A FIRST CONVICTION, imprisonment [for] not exceeding 30 days or a fine of not less than \$25 and not exceeding \$200 or both; AND