

CHAPTER 421

(House Bill 1162)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties -
Moratorium on Floating Homes in County Waters

FOR the purpose of providing for a moratorium on the mooring, docking, anchoring, or installing of floating homes in the waters of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties; defining certain terms; ~~allowing a municipal corporation in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties to regulate or restrict floating homes that are located in the planning and zoning jurisdiction of the municipal corporation,~~ providing that this Act is an emergency measure; and generally relating to zoning and planning regulations in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties and in the State.

BY adding to

Article 66B - Zoning and Planning
Section 9.04
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 66B - Zoning and Planning

9.04.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

~~{2} - {1} - "FLOATING HOME" MEANS ANY VESSEL THAT IS IN FACT USED, DESIGNED, OR OCCUPIED AS A PERMANENT DWELLING UNIT, BUSINESS OFFICE, OR FOR ANY PRIVATE OR SOCIAL CLUB OF WHATSOEVER NATURE, AND~~

~~{1} - "FLOATING HOME" INCLUDES A STRUCTURE THAT IS CONSTRUCTED ON A BARGE WHICH IS PRIMARILY IMMOBILE AND OUT OF NAVIGATION OR WHICH FUNCTIONS SUBSTANTIALLY AS A LAND STRUCTURE WHILE THE FLOATING HOME IS MOORED, DOCKED, ANCHORED, OR INSTALLED WITHIN THE WATERS OF CALVERT, CHARLES, OR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, WHETHER THE FLOATING HOME IS SELF-PROPELLED OR NOT AND WHOSE VOLUME COEFFICIENT IS GREATER THAN 3,000 SQUARE FEET, WHICH IS THE RATIO OF THE HABITABLE SPACE OF A VESSEL THAT IS MEASURED IN CUBIC FEET AND THE DRAFT OF A VESSEL MEASURED IN CUBIC FEET OF DEPTH.~~