

CHAPTER 517

(House Bill 991)

AN ACT concerning

Vessels - Disclosure of Information

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources under certain circumstances from providing certain information about owners of certain vessels; establishing exceptions to allow disclosure to certain persons under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the disclosure of information about owners of vessels registered in the State.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-704.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

8-704.1.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, UPON WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE OWNER OF A VESSEL REGISTERED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THAT PERSON NOT BE DISCLOSED, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT FURNISH TO ANY PERSON THE NAME, ADDRESS, OR OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT THE OWNER OF THE REGISTERED VESSEL.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT THE DEPARTMENT FROM FURNISHING INFORMATION UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY;

(2) IF NOT REQUESTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING A MAILING LIST, TO A PERSON REQUESTING THE INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMPILATION OF STATISTICAL DATA; OR

(3) AS TO THE OWNERS OF VESSELS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, TO A PERSON WHOSE REQUEST FOR THE INFORMATION IS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE LIMITED TO, AND NECESSARY FOR, THE PROTECTION OF THE OWNERSHIP, SAFE OPERATION, PROPER MAINTENANCE, OR REPAIR OF THE VESSEL.