

## CHAPTER 307

(Senate Bill 419)

## AN ACT concerning

Waterway Improvement Fund - Pump-Out Stations at  
Public and Private Marinas

FOR the purpose of allowing money in the Waterway Improvement Fund to be used to construct pump-out stations for use by the general boating public at public and private marinas; allowing the Secretary of Natural Resources ~~the--sole discretion~~ to use funds under this Act to install pump-out stations for use by the general boating public or to supplement operational maintenance costs; requiring the Secretary to consult with the Department of the Environment on certain matters; allowing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations for certain purposes under this Act; providing for the financing of the construction of pump-out stations for use by the general boating public at public and private marinas; and generally relating to the use of money in the Waterway Improvement Fund for certain purposes related to pump-out stations for use by the general boating public at public and private marinas in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 8-707(4) and 8-708(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

## Preamble

WHEREAS, Until now, the Waterway Improvement Fund has been used, among other purposes, to fund the installation of pump-out facilities for use by vessels of the general boating public that use public property; and

WHEREAS, There are no laws or regulations that require public or private marinas to provide pump-out facilities for use by the general boating public; and

WHEREAS, In order to encourage owners of vessels 65 feet in length and less to obey the regulations concerning marine sanitation devices that are built and certified to meet U.S. Coast Guard standards, it is necessary that adequate pump-out facilities for use by the general boating public be made available to those vessels on public and private property; now, therefore,