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Section 8-741

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

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(A) (1) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(2) (I) "MARINE SANITATION DEVICE" MEANS ANY EQUIPMENT ON BOARD A VESSEL WHICH IS DESIGNED TO RECEIVE, RETAIN, TREAT OR DISCHARGE SEWAGE AND ANY PROCESS TO TREAT SEWAGE ON BOARD.

(II) "MARINE SANITATION DEVICE" INCLUDES:

1. TYPE I MARINE SANITATION DEVICE, WHICH PRODUCES AN EFFLUENT HAVING A FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA COUNT NOT GREATER THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITERS AND NO VISIBLE FLOATING SOLIDS;

2. TYPE II MARINE SANITATION DEVICE, WHICH PRODUCES AN EFFLUENT HAVING A FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA COUNT NOT GREATER THAN 200 PER 100 MILLILITERS AND SUSPENDED SOLIDS NOT GREATER THAN 150 MILLIGRAMS PER LITER; AND

3. TYPE III MARINE SANITATION DEVICE, WHICH IS CERTIFIED TO A NO-DISCHARGE STANDARD, INCLUDING RECIRCULATING AND INCINERATING MARINE SANITATION DEVICES AND HOLDING TANKS.

(3) "SEWAGE" MEANS:

(I) HUMAN BODY WASTES; AND

(II) THE WASTES FROM TOILETS AND OTHER RECEPTACLES INTENDED TO RETAIN BODY WASTE.

(4) "Y VALVE" MEANS A DEVICE CAPABLE OF DIVERTING THE FLOW OF MARINE SEWAGE SO THAT A VESSEL'S MARINE SANITATION DEVICE IS BYPASSED AND RAW SEWAGE IS DISCHARGED DIRECTLY INTO THE WATER.

(B) THE FOLLOWING VESSELS EQUIPPED WITH AN INSTALLED TOILET SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH AN OPERABLE MARINE SANITATION DEVICE:

(1) A VESSEL 65 FEET IN LENGTH AND UNDER SHALL HAVE A TYPE I, II, OR III MARINE SANITATION DEVICE; OR

(2) A VESSEL OVER 65 FEET IN LENGTH SHALL HAVE A TYPE II OR III MARINE SANITATION DEVICE.