

~~WHEREAS, Differences in the boating laws of the respective states would result in an untenable situation for boaters on the Lake; and~~

~~WHEREAS, In order to effectively coordinate management and enforcement of boating activities on the Lake in accordance with the intent of the Compact, it is necessary that the Department of Natural Resources have flexibility in regulating boating activities on the Lake in coordination with the State of West Virginia; now, therefore,~~

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

Article - Natural Resources

8-703.2.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT BOATING REGULATIONS EXCLUSIVELY APPLICABLE TO JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE.

(B) REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) SHALL BE DEVELOPED IN COORDINATION WITH THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA;

(2) SHALL ALLOW FOR JOINT ENFORCEMENT OF BOATING ACTIVITIES BY MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA AUTHORITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE PROJECT COMPACT; AND

(3) MAY DIFFER FROM MARYLAND BOATING LAWS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY.

(C) REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY:

(1) PROVIDE AGE LIMITS FOR THE OPERATION OF A VESSEL;

(2) ESTABLISH VESSEL NOISE LIMITS;

(3) IMPOSE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS REGARDING VESSELS;

(4) IMPOSE OTHER STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF A VESSEL;

(5) PROVIDE FOR RULES OF THE ROAD FOR VESSELS;

(6) PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT;

(7) IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON THE OPERATION OF VESSELS WHILE TOWING AN INDIVIDUAL ON WATER SKIS OR SIMILAR DEVICES; AND

(8) ADDRESS OTHER AREAS PERTAINING TO ACTIVITIES AT THE JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE PROJECT THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.