

CHAPTER 575

(House Bill 732)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Marine Sanitation

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to survey certain waters and vessels for certain purposes by a certain date using certain criteria; requiring the Department to identify certain sensitive waters of the State by a certain date using certain criteria; requiring the Department to take certain steps to ensure that certain facilities relating to marine sanitation are reasonably available for use in certain areas; requiring a certain report by a certain date; requiring the Department to consult with the Department of the Environment on certain matters concerning the identification of sensitive waters; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to make certain recommendations to the Department of the Environment under certain circumstances; and generally relating to marine sanitation and waters of the State.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-742

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

8-742.

(A) BASED ON CRITERIA INCLUDING THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, HEALTH, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, ON OR BEFORE ~~DECEMBER 1, 1999~~ APRIL 15, 2000, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) CONDUCT AND COMPLETE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT OF 1972 (33 U.S.C. § 1251 ET SEQ.) AND THE CLEAN VESSEL ACT OF 1992 (P.L. 102-587), A SURVEY OF:

(I) ~~THE NUMBER AND LOCATION~~ NUMBER, LOCATION, AND UTILIZATION OF OPERATIONAL PUMPOUT STATIONS AND WASTE RECEPTION FACILITIES AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARINAS, MOORING AREAS, DOCKS, AND OTHER BOATING ACCESS FACILITIES IN THE STATE; AND

(II) THE NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL VESSELS OPERATING IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE INCLUDING TRANSIENT VESSELS EQUIPPED WITH TYPE I, TYPE II, OR TYPE III MARINE SANITATION DEVICES OR PORTABLE TOILETS, AND THE