

~~moving the vessel to certain locations; requiring a person that moves a vessel to notify and provide certain information to the vessel owner or vessel owner's agent; providing certain penalties for a person who violates provisions of this Act; authorizing certain landowners to acquire title to a vessel apparently abandoned on certain property of the landowner if the vessel has been abandoned for a certain time authorizing certain landowners to acquire title to certain abandoned vessels on certain property of the landowner under certain circumstances; altering the definition of abandoned vessel; and generally relating to the removal of abandoned vessels.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-721, ~~8-721.1~~, and 8-722

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article - Natural Resources**

8-721.

(a) In this section, "abandoned vessel" means any vessel that:

(1) Is left illegally or has remained without permission for more than 30 days on public property, including public marinas, docks, or boatyards;

(2) HAS REMAINED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER OR PERSON IN CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY:

(I) A PRIVATE MARINA OR PROPERTY OPERATED BY A PRIVATE MARINA;

(II) A PRIVATE BOATYARD OR PROPERTY OPERATED BY A PRIVATE BOATYARD;

(III) A PRIVATE DOCK; OR

(IV) AT OR NEAR WATERS' EDGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY;

~~(2) (3) Has remained on private property, including private marinas, docks, or boatyards,~~ OTHER THAN THE PRIVATE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION for more than ~~180~~ 90 days without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property; or

~~(3) (4)~~ (4) Has been found adrift or unattended in or upon the waters of the State, and is found in a condition of disrepair as to constitute a hazard or obstruction to the use of the waters of the State or presents a potential health or environmental hazard.