

**Senate Bill No. 563**

AN ACT concerning

**Natural Resources - Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters - Establishment**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters in the State; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study certain policy, administrative, security, and economic issues surrounding the establishment of a State boating license and to make certain recommendations; providing for reimbursement of the expenses of a member of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters in the State.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters in the State.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

(1) a member of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) a member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) two representatives of the Department of Natural Resources, one of whom shall be a Natural Resources Police Officer, appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources;

(4) a representative of the Motor Vehicle Administration appointed by the Motor Vehicle Administrator; and

(5) three persons appointed by the Governor, including:

(i) a representative of an organization that represents the interests of boaters in the State; and

(ii) an owner and operator of a marina in the State.

(c) The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Task Force shall:

(1) study the feasibility of licensing boaters in the State, including issues regarding: