

CHAPTER 297
(Senate Bill 642)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Boating – Disclosure of Personal Information

FOR the purpose of providing an additional exception to a certain prohibition on the disclosure of personal information by the Department of Natural Resources to certain business entities or their agents, employees, or contractors under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the disclosure of personal information by the Department.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 8–704.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 10–616(s)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

8–704.1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, upon written request by the owner of a vessel registered under this subtitle that information about that person not be disclosed, the Department may not furnish to any person the name, address, or other identifying information about the owner of the registered vessel.

(b) This section does not prevent the Department from furnishing information under this section:

(1) To another governmental agency;

(2) If not requested for the purpose of preparing a mailing list, to a person requesting the information in connection with the compilation of statistical data; [or]

(3) As to the owners of vessels registered under this subtitle, to a person whose request for the information is determined by the Department to be limited to, and necessary for, the protection of the ownership, safe operation, proper maintenance, or repair of the vessel; OR