

**CHAPTER 458****(Senate Bill 429)**

AN ACT concerning

**Recreational Vessels – Personal Flotation Devices for Children – Additional Requirements**

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain children wear certain personal flotation devices on recreational vessels; authorizing, for a certain time, the inclusion of certain additional safety precautions on certain personal flotation devices; requiring that, as of a certain date, certain personal flotation devices feature certain additional safety precautions; altering the definitions of a certain terms term; making certain technical corrections; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report to certain persons by a certain date regarding certain aspects of boating safety; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to certain additional requirements regarding personal flotation devices for children.

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Article – Natural Resources

Section 8-743

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(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

8-743.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Child” means an individual WHO:

(I) IS under the age of 7 years, REGARDLESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S WEIGHT; OR

(II) WEIGHS 50 POUNDS OR LESS, REGARDLESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S AGE.