

boating safety certificate; providing that a violation of the boat standards and certificate provisions is a boating safety violation for certain purposes; providing that a violation of the boat standards and certificate provisions is a misdemeanor subject to certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to requirements for livery vessel owners, their agents, and employees.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 8-712.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 8-739
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 8-740
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

8-712.3.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "LIVERY VESSEL OWNER" MEANS A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN THE BUSINESS OF RENTING, LEASING, OR CHARTERING A CLASS A VESSEL FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN 24 HOURS.

(3) "CLASS A VESSEL" MEANS A MOTORBOAT THAT IS LESS THAN 16 FEET IN LENGTH AS DEFINED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN 46 CFR § 24.10-17.

(4) "SEAWORTHY CONDITION" MEANS THE ABILITY TO WITHSTAND ORDINARY STRESS OF WIND, WAVES, AND OTHER WEATHER THAT THE VESSEL MIGHT NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO ENCOUNTER.

(B) A LIVERY VESSEL OWNER OR AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE LIVERY VESSEL OWNER MAY NOT RENT OR OFFER FOR RENT A CLASS A VESSEL TO BE OPERATED ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNLESS: