

Approved May 28, 1985.

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CHAPTER 670

(House Bill 1004)

AN ACT concerning

State Boat Act - Abandoned Vessel

FOR the purpose of defining certain terms; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to seize and take custody of certain vessels and to be relieved of liability if a vessel is damaged during seizure and State custody; authorizing the Department to dispose of an abandoned vessel if it is not claimed within a certain period of time after certain notice is sent to the last known owner and any secured party or in certain circumstances after a newspaper notice is published; authorizing the Department to dispose of certain vessels without notice; authorizing the Department to delegate certain authority to the counties; changing the misdemeanor offense of abandonment of a vessel from a crime of a specific or willful intent to a crime of general intent; creating a presumption that the last registered owner of a vessel is prima facie the owner and the person who abandoned it; and generally relating to the seizure, removal, and disposal of abandoned vessels by the Department of Natural Resources.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 8-721  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 8-725.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

8-721.