

CHAPTER 152

(Senate Bill 539)

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection - Duplicating the Hulls of Vessels

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from duplicating or misappropriating for commercial purposes the design of a hull of a vessel or any component of the hull of a vessel by a certain method; prohibiting under certain circumstances a person from selling a vessel that was manufactured in violation of this Act; defining certain terms; providing certain civil relief and injunctive relief under this Act; and generally relating to the unauthorized duplication or copying of the design of a hull of a vessel or any component of the hull of a vessel.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law

Section ~~13-316~~ ~~11-905~~ 11-1001 to be under the new subtitle  
"Subtitle 10. Hulls of Vessels"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Commercial Law

~~13-316~~ ~~11-905~~

SUBTITLE 10. HULLS OF VESSELS

11-1001.

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

(2) "DIRECT MOLDING PROCESS" MEANS ANY PROCESS BY WHICH A HULL OF A VESSEL OR COMPONENT OF THE HULL OF A VESSEL IS USED AS A PLUG FOR THE MAKING OF A MOLD FROM WHICH A DUPLICATION OF THE HULL OR COMPONENT OF THE HULL IS MADE.

(3) "MOLD" MEANS ANY PATTERN, HOLLOW FORM, MATRIX, OR OTHER DEVICE FOR GIVING SHAPE OR FORM TO MATERIAL IN A PLASTIC OR MOLTEN STATE.

(4) "PLUG" MEANS A MANUFACTURED ITEM USED TO MAKE A MOLD.