

(3) At the end of the 30-day period the person shall apply to the Department for title to the vessel in the person's name on forms the Department approves accompanied by the following affidavits:

(i) A statement that the vessel ~~apparently has been abandoned for at least [6] 3 months~~ IS AN ABANDONED VESSEL AS DEFINED IN § 8-721 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(ii) Proof the registered letter was mailed at least 30 days before application or a detailed explanation of the unsuccessful steps taken to identify the owner or lienholder and secure the owner's or lienholder's address; and

(iii) Proof a notice was printed in a newspaper as required in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(4) Upon receipt of the material required in paragraph (3) of this subsection and payment of any fees and taxes due, the Department shall issue title to the vessel to the applicant.

(5) The applicant shall bear any cost incurred in receiving title to a vessel under this section.

(6) After receiving title, if the applicant destroys or otherwise disposes of the vessel, the applicant shall report this information to the Department within 15 days giving every detail.

(7) The Department may receive title to any ~~vessel apparently~~ abandoned VESSEL on the waters of the State or on any land owned by the State or any political subdivisions by proceeding in the same manner a property owner does as set forth in this section.

(d) A person may not obtain or attempt to obtain title to a vessel under the provisions of this section through any fraudulent means.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 140 - Circuit Courts - Court Administrators - Seventh Judicial Circuit.

This bill repeals provisions of law establishing an administrative office of the courts of the seventh judicial circuit and the position of administrator. The bill also authorizes a court administrator in each county of the seventh judicial circuit (Calvert, Charles,