

(c) If any vessel numbered in the State is involved in an accident on waters outside of the State, and the accident results in the death, disappearance, or injury of any person or in property damage [exceeding \$500] OF \$2,000 OR MORE, OR A COLLISION OCCURS INVOLVING TWO OR MORE VESSELS, REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, the operator or owner, within 30 days, shall file a complete report with the Department including any information the Department requires by regulation. This subsection does not exempt or excuse any operator or owner, if the operator cannot submit the report, from the requirements of any federal or other State law or rule or regulation having jurisdiction over the waters in which the accident occurs. Furthermore, any accident-reporting requirement in the federal or other State law or rule or regulation may not exonerate or excuse any failure of the operator or owner of a vessel numbered in the State to report the accident in the State.

(d) The required report of a boating accident may not be referred to during any judicial proceeding. It is not subject to subpoena or admissible as evidence in any proceeding. Subject to these restrictions, information contained in a boating accident report and any statistical information based on the report is available on request for official purposes to the United States Coast Guard and its successor agency.

(e) Any person who complies with subsection (a) of this section or who gratuitously and in good faith renders or attempts to render assistance to any vessel in distress on any waters of the State without objection from any person assisted, is not liable for any civil damage as the result of any act or omission by the person in rendering assistance, if the act or omission does not amount to gross negligence.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved April 8, 2003.

CHAPTER 13

(Senate Bill 139)

AN ACT concerning

Citations - Format and Printing

FOR the purpose of adding exceptions to the list of offenses for which the Chief Judge of the District Court is required to design arrest - citation forms; ~~mandating requiring that~~ the Chief Judge to cause the District Court to print uniform motor vehicle citation forms and certain other uniform statewide citation forms; ~~mandating requiring~~ that citations for certain violations be in a format prescribed by the State Court Administrator; ~~authorizing requiring~~ the State Court Administrator to design a citation form for certain violations; specifying certain requirements for the form of a certain citation issued to a minor; requiring certain law enforcement agencies and the Office of the State Fire Marshal to ~~print all~~ reimburse the District Court for printing the citation forms