

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 538 – *State Boat Act – Waterway Improvement Fund – Authorized Uses*.

This bill increases the amount of funds that may be used from the Waterway Improvement Fund by the Natural Resources Police for marine operations; repeals a provision that requires a payment to the Comptroller for the collection of the vessel excise tax; repeals the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to use the Waterway Improvement Fund for enforcement of the State Boat Act; and provides for a delayed effective date.

Senate Bill 452, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 538.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 538

AN ACT concerning

State Boat Act – Waterway Improvement Fund – Authorized Uses

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of certain funds that may be proposed to be used by the Natural Resources Police for marine operations for certain fiscal years; repealing a provision that requires a certain payment to the Comptroller; repealing the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to use certain funds for enforcement of the State Boat Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the enforcement of the State Boat Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–709(a) and 8–723
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–716(i) and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)