

# HOUSE BILL 214

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By: **Delegate Malone**

Requested: October 30, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wetlands and Waterways – Riparian Rights – Prohibition on Termination or**  
3 **Impairment**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of the Environment or the Board of Public  
5 Works from terminating or impairing the riparian rights of an individual,  
6 community association, or other entity through the application process for a permit  
7 or license to install a pier; and generally relating to wetlands and waterways and  
8 riparian rights.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Environment

11 Section 16–201.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Environment**

17 **16–201.1.**

18 **THE DEPARTMENT OR THE BOARD MAY NOT TERMINATE OR IMPAIR THE**  
19 **RIPARIAN RIGHTS OF AN INDIVIDUAL, COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, OR OTHER ENTITY**  
20 **THROUGH THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A PERMIT OR LICENSE TO INSTALL A**  
21 **PIER.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2021.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



