

HOUSE BILL 1322

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(5lr1158)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Education, Energy, and the Environment* —

Introduced by **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Lehman, Boyce, Cullison, Davis, Feldmark, Guzzone, Hill, R. Lewis, Stein, Stewart, Terrasa, Woorman, and ~~Ziegler~~ Ziegler, Allen, Behler, Foley, Guyton, Healey, and Ruth**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader.

Proofreader.

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Vessels – Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels**
3 **(Matthew’s Law)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline–powered vessel
5 manufactured after a certain date that has accommodation spaces, swim platforms,
6 or aft lounging areas on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon
7 monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in certain areas of the
8 vessel; prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from imposing a certain
9 penalty; and generally relating to the State Boat Act.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 8–740.2

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Natural Resources**

6 **8–740.2.**

7 **(A) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A GASOLINE-POWERED VESSEL**
8 **MANUFACTURED AFTER JULY 31, 2007, THAT HAS ACCOMMODATION SPACES, SWIM**
9 **PLATFORMS, OR AFT LOUNGING AREAS ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNLESS THE**
10 **VESSEL HAS CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING LABELS AFFIXED IN CONSPICUOUS**
11 **LOCATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF BOTH THE TRANSOM AND THE HELM OF THE VESSEL.**

12 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT IMPOSE A PENALTY ON A PERSON THAT**
13 **VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.