

SENATE BILL 1028

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(5lr3634)

ENROLLED BILL

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

Introduced by **Senator Gile**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

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~~ motorized
5 gasoline-powered vessel manufactured after a certain date that has a cabin or other
6 closed living space accommodation spaces, swim platforms, or aft lounging areas on
7 the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed
8 in conspicuous locations in certain areas of the vessel; prohibiting the Department
9 of Natural Resources from imposing a certain penalty; and generally relating to the
10 State Boat Act.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 8–740.2
14 Annotated Code of Maryland

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 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

4 **Article – Natural Resources**

5 **8-740.2.**

6 ~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MOTORIZED VESSEL” DOES NOT INCLUDE A VESSEL~~
7 ~~POWERED BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR.~~

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

14 ~~(C) THE (B)~~ THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT IMPOSE A PENALTY ON A
15 PERSON THAT VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.