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HB0333

Marine Contractor License – Performance of Services – Licensing Requirements & Fees

Position: SUPPORT

To: House Environment & Transportation
Committee

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From: Susan C. Simmons, PRA Director in
Caroline County

This bill is a logical administrative fix that allows local governments' public works and park maintenance crews to perform routine repairs to public access facilities on or over public waterways, and to ditching and related structures directing water flow. Their performance is supervised, in state and local permit compliance and presents a "*de minimis*" risk to human health or the environment.

The bill proposes the elimination of the certification *fee* for state and local government operators, but still requires the license certification and the practical experience associated with said certification for marina construction activities that fall outside of the conventional maintenance and operation services prescribed in the bill (tide dikes, roadside ditch repair, agricultural drainage ditch). It reconciles a local government disparity that hampers the efforts of capable crews to accomplish routine repairs without the time and cost of the marina construction license fee. This drives up local government costs and slows project progress.

Thank you for your consideration. We urge the committee's favorable report to this bill.