

HOUSE BILL 1085

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Boating – Migratory Waterfowl Season – Prohibited Acts**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from operating a vessel within a certain distance
4 of a stationary blind or blind site that is occupied and being used for hunting
5 migratory waterfowl during open season; and generally relating to prohibited acts
6 related to boating.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 4–512
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Natural Resources
14 Section 8–701(a) and (s)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Natural Resources
19 Section 8–724.2
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Natural Resources**

25 4–512.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



During the open season for migratory waterfowl, a person may not fish by any means within 500 yards of any stationary blind or blind site which is occupied and is being used for hunting migratory waterfowl.

8–701.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(s) (1) “Vessel” means every description of watercraft, including an ice boat but not including a seaplane, that is used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water or ice.

(2) “Vessel” includes the motor, spars, sails, and accessories of a vessel.

8–724.2.

DURING THE OPEN SEASON FOR MIGRATORY WATERFOWL, A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A VESSEL IN ANY MANNER WITHIN 500 YARDS OF ANY STATIONARY BLIND OR BLIND SITE THAT IS OCCUPIED AND BEING USED FOR HUNTING MIGRATORY WATERFOWL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023.