

# HOUSE BILL 1135

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By: **Delegate Chisholm**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – State Wetlands – Piers and Other Improvements**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a community association from preventing a riparian  
4 property owner from constructing a pier or making a certain improvement into the  
5 waters of the State if certain conditions are met; and generally relating to  
6 constructing piers and making other improvements into the waters of the State.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 16–201.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Environment**

15 **16–201.1.**

16 **IF A RIPARIAN PROPERTY OWNER HAS RECEIVED THE APPROPRIATE**  
17 **FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY APPROVALS TO CONSTRUCT A PIER OR MAKE ANY**  
18 **OTHER IMPROVEMENT INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE, A COMMUNITY**  
19 **ASSOCIATION MAY NOT PREVENT THE RIPARIAN PROPERTY OWNER FROM**  
20 **CONSTRUCTING THE PIER OR MAKING THE IMPROVEMENT.**

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

