

SENATE BILL 877

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Waterway Improvement Fund – Public Boating Construction Projects –**
3 **Financing Limits**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum cost of a certain construction project that may
5 be wholly financed with funds from the Waterway Improvement Fund; making
6 certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Waterway Improvement
7 Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 8–708(a) and (b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 8–708.

17 (a) **(1)** Except as provided in § 8–708.1 of this subtitle, projects for dredging
18 and marking channels and harbors, construction of jetties and breakwaters, and clearing
19 debris, aquatic vegetation, and obstructions in navigable waters, as well as construction of
20 marine facilities located within lands owned by the Department and construction of
21 pump–out stations for use by the general boating public at public and private marinas,
22 shall be financed solely by the Waterway Improvement Fund.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2)** Any funds available from the federal government, any governing body,
2 or any gift also may be used for ~~[these]~~ **THE** purposes **INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
3 **THIS SUBSECTION.**

4 (b) **(1)** Except for the construction of pump-out stations for use by the general
5 boating public at public and private marinas, the governing body and the Waterway
6 Improvement Fund jointly shall finance projects to construct marine facilities beneficial to
7 the boating public.

8 **(2)** ~~[The]~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS**
9 **SUBSECTION, THE** contribution of the Waterway Improvement Fund shall be limited to
10 not more than 50% of the cost of each project.

11 **(3)** ~~[However, the]~~ **THE** Waterway Improvement Fund may finance
12 completely any construction project beneficial to the boating public which costs ~~[less than~~
13 ~~\$100,000]~~ **\$250,000 OR LESS**, regardless of its location.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2019.