

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Shari T. Wilson, Secretary

BILL NO: House Bill 655

COMMITTEE: Environmental Matters

POSITION: Support

**TITLE: Natural Resources – Expanded Use of Waterway
Improvement Fund**

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill expands the use of the Department of Natural Resources' Waterway Improvement Fund for grants for the purchase and installation of best management practices (BMPs) for implementation at public and private marine facilities. This Bill does not directly affect MDE.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: MDE supports HB 655. MDE believes this funding should not be for new or redeveloped marinas that would be subject to existing stormwater management laws and regulations regarding the requirement of addressing stormwater management that includes the installation of BMPs. Rather, this fund should be used for funding additional BMPs above any normal regulatory requirement which it appears to address by granting the Department of Natural Resources the authority for determining the eligibility of what gets funding and ensuring compliance with Clean Marina Certifications or Recertification.

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