

HOUSE BILL 23

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(PRE-FILED)

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CF SB 48

By: **Delegates Haddaway and Eckardt**

Requested: September 14, 2009

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Knapps Narrows – Speed Limit**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from operating a vessel on Knapps Narrows
4 in Talbot County in excess of a certain speed; requiring the Department of
5 Natural Resources to develop a certain informational program; establishing
6 certain penalties; and generally relating to the speed limit for operating a vessel
7 on Knapps Narrows in Talbot County.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Natural Resources

10 Section 8–725.7

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 **8–725.7.**

17 **(A) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A VESSEL ON KNAPPS NARROWS IN**
18 **TALBOT COUNTY AT A SPEED IN EXCESS OF THE SLOWEST SPEED NECESSARY**
19 **TO MAINTAIN STEERAGE UNDER PREVAILING WIND AND WATER CURRENT**
20 **CONDITIONS.**

21 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM**
22 **TO ASSIST VESSEL OPERATORS IN COMPLYING WITH THE SPEED LIMIT IMPOSED**
23 **BY THIS SECTION, INCLUDING A PHASE-IN PERIOD FOR ENFORCEMENT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION IN THIS SECTION IS**
2 **GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT**
3 **EXCEEDING:**

4 **(1) FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, \$500; AND**

5 **(2) FOR THE SECOND OFFENSE, \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT**
6 **EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2010.