

Proposed Action on Regulations

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Symbol Key

- Roman type indicates existing text of regulation.
- *Italic type* indicates proposed new text.
- [Single brackets] indicate text proposed for deletion.

Promulgation of Regulations

An agency wishing to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations must first publish in the Maryland Register a notice of proposed action, a statement of purpose, an estimate of economic impact, an economic impact on small businesses, a notice giving the public an opportunity to comment on the proposal, and the text of the proposed regulations. The opportunity for public comment must be held open for at least 30 days after the proposal is published in the Maryland Register.

Following publication of the proposal in the Maryland Register, 45 days must pass before the agency may take final action on the proposal. When final action is taken, the agency must publish a notice in the Maryland Register. Final action takes effect 10 days after the notice is published, unless the agency specifies a later date. An agency may make changes in the text of a proposal. If the changes are not substantive, these changes are included in the notice of final action and published in the Maryland Register. If the changes are substantive, the agency must repropose the regulations, showing the changes that were made to the originally proposed text.

Proposed action on regulations may be withdrawn by the proposing agency any time before final action is taken. When an agency proposes action on regulations, but does not take final action within 1 year, the proposal is automatically withdrawn by operation of law, and a notice of withdrawal is published in the Maryland Register.

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 04 BOATING

08.04.09 Boat Dealer License

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §8-710, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[25-306-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .01 under **COMAR 08.04.09 Boat Dealer License**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to update the annual license fee for a boat dealer. The proposed action increases the fee from \$25 to \$50. During the 2025 Maryland Legislative Session, the General Assembly passed House Bill 719. The bill was signed by Governor Moore, became effective October 1, 2025 (2025 Md. Laws, Chap. 433), and requires the Department to set the license fee at an amount not to exceed \$50. The increase in the fee reflects the increasing costs for the Department to do business.

Estimate of Economic Impact

I. Summary of Economic Impact. The proposed action updates the boat dealer license fee for the first time since 1983. It will have a positive impact on the Department. The revenue from this increase will allow the Department's licensing and registration programs to continue to be self-sustaining. The proposed action will have a negative impact on boat manufacturers and dealers that conduct business in Maryland.

II. Types of Economic Impact.

Impacted Entity	Revenue (R+/R-)	Magnitude
	Expenditure (E+/E-)	
A. On issuing agency:		
Maryland Department of Natural Resources	(R+)	\$10,750 per year
B. On other State agencies:		
	NONE	
C. On local governments:		
	NONE	
D. On regulated industries or trade groups:		
Boat Dealer Licensees	(-)	\$25 per year
E. On other industries or trade groups:		
	NONE	
F. Direct and indirect effects on public:		
	NONE	

**Benefit (+)
Cost (-) Magnitude**

III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

A. The Department currently has 430 active boat dealer licenses. The revenue from those license sales is \$10,750. The increased license fee would provide an additional \$10,750 per year. The proposed action updates the boat dealer license fee for the first time since 1983 and the revenue from this increase will allow the Department's licensing and registration programs to continue to be self-sustaining.

D. A manufacturer or dealer may not conduct business in the State unless licensed as a Maryland boat dealer. A dealer with multiple locations in the State must secure a separate license for each location where sales activities take place. The impact to each manufacturer or dealer is an additional \$25 per location each year.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has a meaningful economic impact on small businesses. An analysis of this economic impact follows:

The proposed action may have an economic impact on small businesses. The proposed action has an economic impact on boat manufacturers and dealers that conduct business in Maryland. A manufacturer or dealer may not conduct business in the State unless licensed as a Maryland boat dealer. A dealer with multiple locations in the State must secure a separate license for each location where sales activities take place. It is unknown how many of the manufacturers and dealers are considered small businesses, so the actual impact to small businesses is indeterminable. However, the impact to each manufacturer or dealer is an additional \$25 per location each year.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Boat Dealer License Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to boatingregpubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov or complete the comment form at https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Pages/regulations/changes_boating.aspx. Comments will be accepted through March 23, 2026. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.01 Boat Dealer License.

- A. License Application.
 - (1)—(2) (text unchanged)
 - (3) The annual license fee is [\$25] \$50.
 - (4) (text unchanged)
- B.—E (text unchanged)

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Title 09
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT
OF LABOR
Subtitle 12 DIVISION OF LABOR AND
INDUSTRY

09.12.66 Inflatable Amusement Attractions

Authority: Business Regulation Article, §§3-302, 3-307, 3-313, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[26-005-P-1]

The Commissioner of Labor and Industry proposes to amend Regulations **.02** and **.03**, adopt new Regulation **.09**, amend and recodify existing Regulations **.09—, .12, .14—, .16, .18, and .19** to be Regulations **.10—, .13, .15—, .17, .19, and .20**, respectively, and recodify existing Regulations **.13, .17, .20, and .21** to be Regulations **.14, .18, .21, and .22**, respectively, under **COMAR .09.12.66 Inflatable Amusement Attractions**.

At this time, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry is withdrawing a previously proposed action to this chapter which was published in 52:23 Md. R 1143—1146 (November 14, 2025). This action was considered at a public meeting of the Maryland Amusement Ride Safety Board held on June 2, 2025 notice of which was provided by posting on the Maryland Department of Labor website pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3-302(c)(3), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to incorporate by reference the American Society for Testing and Materials, F2374-22 and amend related regulations to include reference to applicable sections of F2374-22, amend to include certain defined terms, clarify certain requirements related to weather and anchorage, amend certain reporting requirements, update fire extinguisher requirements and amend to clarify location and clearance requirements.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jack Mirabella, Senior Policy Advisor, Division of Labor and Industry, Maryland Department of Labor, 10946 Golden West Drive, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031, or call 443-806-1116, or email to dli.regulations+inflatables@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through March 23, 2026. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Editor’s Note on Incorporation by Reference

Pursuant to State Government Article, §7-207, Annotated Code of Maryland, The ASTM International Standards on Amusement Rides and Devices: F2374-22 Standard Practice for Design, Manufacture, Operation, and Maintenance of Inflatable Amusement Devices (2022) (ASTM F2374-22), excluding Sections 5.5.5.2(4), 5.12.7.2(2), 5.16.6, 7.5.4.1 reference to 7.9, 7.5.5.3(2), 7.7.4, 7.9, 7.10 & 7.11.1 has been declared a document generally available to the public and appropriate for incorporation by reference. For this reason, it will not be printed in the Maryland Register or the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). Copies of this document are filed in special public depositories located throughout the State. A list of these depositories was published in 53:1 Md. R. 10 (January 9, 2026), and is available online at www.dsd.maryland.gov. The document may also be inspected at the office of the Division of State Documents, 16 Francis Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

.02 Incorporation by Reference.

In this chapter, the following documents are incorporated by reference to the extent that they are referenced in this chapter:

- [The ASTM International Standards on Amusement Rides and Devices: 7th Edition, F2374-04 Standard Practice for Design, Manufacture, Operation, and Maintenance of Inflatable Amusement Devices (2004) (ASTM F2374-04)] *The ASTM International Standards on Amusement Rides and Devices: F2374-22 Standard Practice for Design, Manufacture, Operation, and Maintenance of Inflatable Amusement Devices (2022) (ASTM F2374-22), excluding Sections 5.5.5.2(4), 5.12.7.2(2), 5.16.6, 7.5.4.1 reference to 7.9, 7.5.5.3(2), 7.7.4, 7.9, 7.10 & 7.11.1; and*
- B. The National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA #70-[2005] 2020, which is incorporated by reference in COMAR 20.50.02.02.

.03 Definitions.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Terms Defined.
 - (1)—(10) (text unchanged)
 - (11) “Permanently erected inflatable amusement attraction” means an inflatable amusement attraction erected in the same location for more than 30 consecutive days.
 - [(11)](12)—[(13)](14) (text unchanged)