

BOAT DEALER LICENSE – Update to Fees

What is being considered?

The Department is considering updating the annual license fee for a boat dealer. The fee would be increased from \$25 to \$50.

Why is this change being considered?

During the 2025 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session, the General Assembly passed [House Bill 719](#), which requires the Department to set the fee for a boat dealer license. The bill states that the fee cannot exceed \$50. That bill will be effective on October 1, 2025. The increase in the fee reflects the increasing costs for the Department to do business.

Who will this affect?

Anyone purchasing a boat dealer license.

When will this be effective?

The Department anticipates that this change could be effective in the winter of 2025-2026. The Department will follow our normal [procedures](#) if this topic moves forward.

Has this change been discussed with advisory bodies or other interested individuals?

The idea was scoped with the Boat Act Advisory Committee at their meeting in May 2025.