

**April 2007 CBYCA Maryland Legislative Report**  
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LNG SB 996: Critical Area-Construction of a Facility-Prohibition. Status: Stalled in Maryland Senate Committee: The last day of the Maryland Legislative session closed with no action on the bill to prevent the construction of LNG facilities in environmentally sensitive coastal areas. The companion bill HB1403 had been approved by the Maryland House of Delegates in late March. However, SB 996 was a political strategy victory by Committee chairperson Sen. Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore City), who indicated her belief that the state bill would be "redundant," given the federal review process for LNG facilities. CBYCA has continued its direct legislative efforts with FERC; two testimony position statements are on file.

HB 1403 (Companion to SB996): Critical Area - Construction of a Facility - Prohibition

Synopsis: Prohibiting a facility from being located or constructed on land designated as Critical Area in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County; making the Act an emergency measure;

**Action: Third Reading Passed (113-22); victory for CBYCA with appreciation for CBYCA's support from House Committee**

HB 1159: Department of Natural Resources - State Boat Act Fees

Synopsis: Altering the fees for specified manufacturers' and dealers' licenses, titling and registration of vessels, and use stickers; etc

**Action: Withdrawn; victory for CBYCA**

SB 307: Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Impact Fee - County Services

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to collect an impact fee from a liquefied natural gas facility under specified circumstances; authorizing a county to assess an impact fee or to obtain an assessment from an independent third party for specified purposes; requiring the impact fee to provide for specified services in the county; etc.

No Action.

HB 305: Environment - Dredged Material Management - Duties of Executive Committee

Synopsis: Requiring the Executive Committee overseeing the development of the State's plan for dredged material management to review, in conjunction with stakeholders, the State's dredging needs and placement requirements and make specified recommendations to the Governor.

**Action: House passed (137-0); Senate passed (45-0); victory for CBYCA; follow-up discussions with Bob Gaudette, Director of WIP of DNR regarding representation from CBYCA as a stakeholder.**

SB 196: Baltimore County - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Dredging, Construction, and Permitting

Synopsis: Altering the restrictions on dredging projects in the Baltimore Harbor and waters of Baltimore County under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving licenses for dredging projects in a specified area under specified circumstances; requiring the Governor to designate the Public Service Commission as the agency to consult with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

No Action.

SB 165: Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland

Synopsis: Establishing a Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a preliminary report and a final report to the Governor and General Assembly and its committees regarding its recommendations by a specified date; etc.

**Action: Senate passed (46-0); House passed (139-0); Victory for CBYCA; follow-up meeting with MTA.**

SB 80: Motor Fuel Tax - Refunds - Motor Fuel Used to Operate Vessels

Synopsis: Allowing a refund of motor fuel tax paid on motor fuel that is used to operate a vessel; etc.

No Action.

SB 38: Environment - Dredged Material Management - Duties of Executive Committee

Synopsis: Requiring the Executive Committee overseeing the development of the State's plan for dredged material management to review, in conjunction with stakeholders, the State's dredging needs and placement requirements and make specified recommendations to the Governor.

No Action.

*Bold Items: Victory for CBYCA; follow-up action will continue with work for CBYCA representation on respective committees and task forces. Thanks to All who helped achieve these victories for CBYCA.*