



HOUSE BILL 600: Regulatory Reform Act of 2023, Sec. 11: Flotation Device Requirements

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Analysis of:	Sec. 11 of S.L. 2023-137		

OVERVIEW: *Section 11 of S.L. 2023-137 requires that any polystyrene flotation devices installed on a dock, buoy, or float must be encapsulated by a protective covering to prevent the polystyrene from disintegrating. This provision does not apply to polystyrene used in the construction, maintenance, or operation of boats or vessels, but requires that such polystyrene be effectively contained and lawfully disposed of. This section also prohibits the sale of polystyrene flotation devices unless encapsulated in compliance with this provision.*

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section becomes effective January 1, 2025, and applies to any polystyrene foam flotation sold or used in the State after that date.

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