

not exceeding nine feet draught; and every person receiving such warrant and appointment, shall thereafter be reported a lawful pilot.

5. Each applicant shall pay to the Board of Examiners the sum of five dollars, and to the register of the board seventy-five cents.

6. No person shall be entitled to receive a warrant as a first rate pilot, unless he shall have served at least five years as an apprentice to the business of piloting.

7. Every pilot shall renew his warrant of license every year in the month of April or May; and no renewals shall be granted at any other time, or new license applied for, unless the pilot has been carried to sea or confined by sickness, so as to prevent his application within that period; and the board may renew any license or not, as they may think proper.

8. Every first rate pilot shall pay two dollars, and every second rate pilot shall pay one dollar and fifty cents, and every third rate pilot shall pay one dollar, to the register of the board for such renewal.

9. The Board of Examiners shall not grant to any person under the age of twenty-one years, a warrant or license generally known as a first rate branch.

10. The Board of Examiners may increase or decrease the number of pilots, as they may deem necessary for the protection of the commercial interests of the State.

11. Every member of the board, before he proceeds to examine any person applying for a warrant, shall take the following oath before some justice of the peace: I ———, do swear that I will impartially examine and inquire into the capacity, skill, and experience of the applicant or applicants in the art of piloting in the Chesapeake Bay, and the rivers thereof, and will admit them as I find them qualified, or reject them if I shall find them unqualified, without favor, affection, or reward.

12. It shall not be lawful for any person to act as pilot, notwithstanding his having obtained a warrant as aforesaid, unless