

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That James Clarke, John Hollins, Thomas Moore, Thomas Tenant and Gilbert Middleton, or any three or more of them, be and hereby are appointed a board, to examine any person who shall desire to be admitted a pilot, he first producing a certificate from the court of the county where he resides of his honesty and good behaviour, and paying to the said board the sum of four dollars, and to the register of the board seventy-five cents, and if, upon public examination, the person shall appear to the board of sufficient ability, skill and experience, they shall grant him one of three kind of warrants of appointment and license, according to the qualification of such person, thereby authorising such person for one year from the date of such warrant, either to pilot vessels of any draught of water, or vessels not exceeding twelve feet draught, or vessels not exceeding nine feet draught; and every person receiving a warrant of appointment and licence agreeably to this act, shall thereafter be reputed a lawful pilot; but no person shall be entitled to receive a warrant as aforesaid as a first rate pilot, unless he hath employed himself at least three years in the business of piloting vessels of any draught, or unless he hath served at least four years as an apprentice to the business of piloting; and every pilot shall renew his warrant of licence every year, in the month of April or May, and that no renewals shall be granted at any other time, or new licence applied for, unless the pilot had been carried to sea, or confined by sickness, so as to prevent his application within that period; and every first rate pilot shall pay two dollars, and every second rate pilot one dollar and fifty cents, and every third rate pilot one dollar, to the register of the board for every renewal; and the board may renew any licence or not as they may think proper.

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Board of examiners appointed.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every member of the said board, before he proceeds to examine any person applying for a warrant as a pilot under this act, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, (to be administered by any justice of the peace,) to wit: "I, ———, do swear, (or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm,) that I will impartially examine and inquire into the capacity, skill and experience, of any applicant or applicants, in the art of piloting in 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 favour, affection or reward."

Their oath.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said board may make and use a common seal, and alter and renew the same at their pleasure, and may appoint a register, who shall enter in a book to be provided for that purpose all applications to, and all other proceedings of, the said board; and the register shall countersign all warrants for pilots granted by the board, and every such warrant shall be under the seal of the said board.

May make and use a common seal

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any person to act as a pilot, notwithstanding his having obtained a warrant as aforesaid, unless he, or the company to which he belongs, shall keep one sufficient boat, of twenty-six feet keel straight rabbit at the least, and decked and well found, under the penalty of one hundred and fifty dollars for every vessel such person shall undertake to conduct or pilot; and the name of every boat, and the

No person to act as pilot, unless he keep a boat 26 feet keel.