

be granted at any other time or new licenses applied for, except in the discretion of the Board of Examiners; and the Board of Examiners may renew any license or not, as they may think proper. Any pilot absenting himself from the business of piloting (unless occasioned by sickness), for a term of one year, shall not be entitled to any warrant or license to act as pilot thereafter, but his license shall be revoked by the Board of Pilot Examiners. Every first rate pilot shall pay Two Dollars (\$2.00), and every second rate pilot shall pay One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50), and every third rate pilot shall pay One Dollar (\$1.00) to the Register of the Board of Examiners for such renewal.

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

7. Every member of the Board, before he proceeds to examine any person applying for a warrant, shall take the following oath: 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.

8. No person shall make any demand to pilot any vessel unless he shall have a branch or license, issued by the Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots, to the destined port of said vessels. If any person not having such license as a pilot shall take upon himself to conduct or pilot any vessel bound from any port in this State to sea or through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, or coming from sea or through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and bound to any river of this State and to any port thereof, or bound from sea or any port outside this State to any other destination outside this State by way of the Chesapeake Bay and Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, he shall forfeit One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), and shall also be liable for all damages occasioned by his undertaking to conduct or pilot any such vessel; but this prohibition shall not prevent any person from assisting any vessel in distress, if such person shall deliver up such vessel to any pilot who shall come on board and offer to conduct or pilot such vessel; and the pilot shall pay such person one-half of the fees received by him for the pilotage of such vessel.