

CHAP. 74. Shoe, to conduct or pilot his vessel, and shall continue the same pilot to his first port of discharge, or shall pay him half pilotage to the first port; and every master of a merchant vessel of the aforesaid draught of water or tonnage, going to sea, shall be obliged to receive a pilot to conduct or pilot his vessel, and shall continue the same pilot to the Capes, or pay half pilotage to the Capes to the same pilot who first offered below the Horse-Shoe, to conduct or pilot his vessel on her passage upward, or to some other pilot belonging to the same company with the said pilot; and every pilot who shall be entitled to receive half-pilotage shall, on receiving the same, be bound to pay the amount over to the company of the pilot boat to which he belongs, to be equally divided among the said company, share and share alike: *Provided*, that if the said pilot or some pilot of the company to which he belongs, shall not apply to conduct or pilot the said vessel to sea, then the said half-pilotage shall be paid to the first other applicant.

Proviso

Apprenticeship required

Proviso

Penalty for over-charge

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That hereafter no person shall be entitled to receive a warrant 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 five years as an apprentice to the business of piloting: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to prevent the renewal of any warrant heretofore granted.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the penalty of fifty dollars shall be imposed on any pilot who shall wilfully charge or receive, either directly or indirectly, any greater or lesser fees for pilotage than may be allowed by law; one half of the said penalty to go to the informer, and the other half to the Marine Society of Baltimore; the whole to be recovered in the name of the society, before the board of examiners: and all and every matter relative to this act, or those to which it is a supplement, whether penalty or dispute, shall be decided and adjudged by the said board within three days after application by the complainants.

Penalty for neglect of duty

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That every master of a vessel who shall refuse, when the same is required by the first applicant below the Horse-Shoe as aforesaid, or other pilot of the same company, or where no such applicant appears, by the first other applicant, to conduct his vessel as aforesaid, to give information of the tonnage thereof, by shewing her register or licence, as the case may be, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of thirty dollars, to be recovered in the name of the state, in the same manner as small debts are recoverable, one half for the use of the said state, and one half for the use of the informer.

Explanatory

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorise any pilot to conduct or pilot any vessel of greater actual draught than is expressly authorised by his warrant.