

CHAPTER 17.

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A further supplement to an act, entitled an act to regulate pilots and to establish their fees, passed November session eighteen hundred and three, chapter sixty-three. Passed Mar. 6, 1840.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every master or owner of a merchant vessel going to sea, whether sailing under a coasting license, or registered of the burthen of one hundred and twenty tons and upwards, shall be obliged to receive the first pilot who offers to conduct or pilot his vessel, and shall continue the same pilot to the capes, or shall pay to him half pilotage; *provided,* the said pilot shall speak or board said vessel above Fort McHenry, and shall be duly licensed to act as pilot; *and provided further,* that the pilot who shall have conducted any vessel from the capes into port, shall be entitled to take charge of the same vessel as pilot to the capes on her next voyage.

Every master of of a merchant vessel, &c. to receive first pilot, &c.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any master or owner of a merchant vessel, sailing under a coasting license or registered of the burthen of one hundred tons and upwards, coming from sea, shall be obliged to take the first pilot who shall offer to conduct or pilot his vessel, and shall continue the same to the port of destination, or shall pay to him half pilotage; *provided,* said pilot shall speak or board said vessel before Cape Henry light-house shall bear south; *and provided also,* the said pilot shall have a branch or license to the destined port of said vessel.

Coming from sea to receive first pilot, &c.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the owners of all vessels of the burthen of seventy-five tons and upwards, not exceeding one hundred tons, before going to sea, shall apply to the board of pilots for a license to navigate the Chesapeake Bay, and shall pay to the said board for such license at the rate of six cents per ton, and such license shall be good for twelve months.

Application to be made to the board of pilots

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the master of any vessel, for which a license is made necessary by the preceding section, who shall navigate the same without such license, shall subject himself to receive a pilot upon the same terms as is provided for in the first section of this act.

Failure to navigate without license.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the amount collected, from time to time, for licenses under the provisions of this act, shall be applied, in the discretion of the board, to the relief of superannuated pilots, or to the relief of the

Monies collected, and how applied.