

new section to said Article 74, said new section to be known as Section 5A and to follow immediately after Section 5 thereof, relating generally to the licensing of pilots by the Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots, to the powers and duties of said Board and to the occupation of pilots in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 6, 10, 11, 12 and 14 of Article 74 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Pilots", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article 74, said new section to be known as Section 5A and to follow immediately after Section 5 thereof, and all to read as follows:*

5A. All pilots licensed by the Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots under the provisions of Section 4 of this Article shall constitute the Association of Maryland Pilots, and said Association shall assign pilots to ships and collect the pilotage fees, and perform all other services incident to the administration and maintenance of the pilot system subject, however, to the control of the Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots. The Association of Maryland Pilots shall not be liable for the act or acts of a pilot while engaged in piloting vessels.

[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.]

6. The Board of Pilot Examiners may increase the number of pilots as they may deem necessary for the protection of the commercial interests of the State. In the event an increase in the number of lawful pilots should be deemed necessary by the Board of Examiners of Pilots, such additional pilots shall be selected only from those applicants certified by the Association of Maryland Pilots; and if upon examination such applicant shall appear to the Board of sufficient ability, skill and experience, such applicant shall be granted one of four kinds of warrants of appointment and licenses under seal, according to the qualification of such applicant, thereby authorizing such applicant for one year from the date of such warrant either to pilot vessels of any draught, or vessels not exceeding 30 foot draught, or vessels not exceeding 24 foot draught, or vessels not exceeding 17 foot draft, and such applicant receiving such warrant and appointment shall thereafter be reported a lawful pilot.