

not exceeding nine feet draught; and every person receiving a warrant of appointment and license, 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 shall have served at least five years as an apprentice to the business of piloting; and every pilot shall receive his warrant of license every year in the month of April or May, and that no warrant shall be granted at any other time, or renew license 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 shall pay one dollar and fifty-cents, and every third rate pilot, one dollar, to the register of the board, and the board may renew any license, or not, as they may think proper.

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First rate pilot.

License to be renewed every year.

Amount to be paid by pilot for license.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That every member of the said board, before he proceeds to examine any person applying for a warrant as pilot, under this act, shall take the following oath or affirmation, to be administered by a 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 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."

Oath of member of board.

SEC. 3. *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 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.

Board may use a common seal.

SEC. 4. *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 least, and decked, and well found, under the penalty of one hundred and fifty dollars, for every vessel such person shall undertake to pilot; and the name of every boat, and the place she belongs to, shall be put

Pilot to keep a sufficient boat.