

CHAP. 188. on her stern, and on her mainsail, and on her foresail, in large letters.

Forfeiture of person not having a warrant, who shall take upon himself to pilot vessel.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if any person, not having a warrant as a pilot agreeable to this act, shall presume to take upon himself to conduct or pilot any vessel bound from any port in this State to sea, or coming from sea, and bound up any river of this State to any port thereof, every such person shall forfeit one hundred and fifty dollars, and such person shall also be liable for all damages occasioned by his undertaking to conduct or pilot any vessel, by action at common law; *Provided*, that this prohibition shall not extend to 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 he shall pay such person one-half the fees received by him for the pilotage of such vessel; *And provided*, that this prohibition shall not extend to prevent any master or owner of any vessel from piloting or conducting any vessel of which he may be master or owner.

Proviso.

Rules and orders.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said board of examiners may make such rules and orders for the government and regulation of pilots appointed and licensed by them, as they may think proper, except regulating their charges for pilotage, not contrary to the provisions of this act; and the said board may, by their order, deprive any of the said pilots of their license, or suspend them for a limited time, for breaking such rules or orders, or omitting any thing required by the same, or for acting, in any manner, contrary thereto; and if any of the said pilots, so suspended or deprived, during the time of their suspension or deprivation, shall take upon himself to pilot or conduct any vessel, such pilot shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars for every such offence.

Vacancy—how filled.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That if any of the said board of examiners shall die, resign, refuse to act, or remove from the city of Baltimore, or be otherwise rendered incapable to act, the remaining examiners, or a majority of them, shall fill up such vacancy; *Provided*, that they shall so regulate their appointments as to have at least one member of the board a person skilled in the business of piloting.

Proviso.

Persons holding license may renew the same.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all persons now holding license to act as pilots in the waters of this State, may renew the same, according to the provisions of this act, as if the several Acts of Assembly relating to pilots and pilotage, heretofore passed, were still in force.