

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.]

[9.] 7.

(A) The Board of Examiners may make such rules and orders for the government and regulation of pilots licensed by them as they may think proper, not contrary to the provisions of this article; and they may, by their order, deprive any pilot of his license or suspend him for a limited time for breaking such rules or orders or omitting anything required by the same or for acting in any manner contrary thereto. And if any pilot so suspended or deprived shall during the time of such suspension or deprivation take upon himself to conduct or pilot any vessel, he shall forfeit and pay one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00), for each offense to the Board of Pilot Examiners. The moneys forfeited herein and in [§ 8] § 6 shall be thereafter paid to the Association of Maryland Pilots.

(B) THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LICENSING AND DISCIPLINING OF PILOTS AND FOR THE SAFETY OF PILOTAGE SERVICES;--WITH--THE--EXCEPTION--OF--THE--ISSUE--OF--PILOT FATIGUE.

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The Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots is authorized and directed to establish, at just and reasonable rates, pilotage fees and charges, and no pilot shall demand or receive any greater, lesser or different compensation for rendering pilotage service than the rates established by the Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots pursuant to this section.

Before the Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots shall establish or prescribe any such pilotage fees or charges, it shall hold a public hearing after giving due notice of the time and place; and, for determining just and reasonable fees and charges, the Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots shall give consideration to the following: