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An apprentice pilot shall serve as such for not less than two years and such time thereafter as the Association shall determine from observation of his aptitude, knowledge and efficiency; after said period of apprenticeship said apprentice shall be certified by the Association to the Board of Examiners who shall examine each applicant producing such certification; and if upon examination the person shall appear to the Board of sufficient ability, skill and experience they shall grant him one of three kinds of warrants of appointment and license, under seal, according to the qualification of such person, thereby authorizing him for one year from the date of such warrant either to pilot such vessels of any draught of water, or vessels not exceeding twenty-four feet draught, or vessels not exceeding seventeen feet draught; and every person receiving such warrant and appointment shall thereafter be reported a lawful pilot; provided, however, that no person shall be entitled to receive a warrant as a first rate pilot unless he shall have served at least five years in the business of piloting and shall be eighteen years of age; each apprentice pilot presenting himself for the above examination shall pay to the Board of Examiners the sum of five dollars (\$5.00)[, and to the register of said Board the sum of seventy-five cents].

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No person shall be authorized or permitted to be a pilot unless he shall have first received a license from the Board of Pilot Examiners. Every new license shall be applied for in the months of April or May in every year and every pilot shall renew his warrant or license biennially in the months of April or May in each even-numbered year and no renewals shall be granted at any other time or new licenses applied for, except in the discretion of the Board of Examiners; and the Board of Examiners may renew any license or not, as they may think proper. A certificate of authorization shall expire on May 30 of each even-numbered year. Any pilot absenting himself from the business of piloting (unless occasioned by sickness), for a term of one year, shall not be entitled to any warrant or license to act as pilot thereafter, but his license shall be revoked by the Board of Pilot Examiners. Every first rate pilot shall pay [\$4] \$400, and every second rate pilot shall pay [\$3] \$300, and every third rate pilot shall pay [\$2] \$200 to the [register of the] Board of Examiners for such renewal.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.