

fifty pounds current money, and such person shall also be liable for all damages occasioned by his undertaking to conduct or pilot any such 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 of the fees received by him for the pilotage of such vessel.

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XXVI.

VII. And be it enacted, That not more than three pilots shall be in partnership, under the penalty of one hundred pounds current money each.

Three may be  
in partner-  
ship, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That every pilot, on receiving a warrant as aforesaid, shall give bond, with good security, (such as the said board of examiners shall approve,) in the penalty of two hundred pounds current money, for the faithful discharge of his duty agreeably to this act.

Pilots to give  
bond, &c.

IX. 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; and the said board may, by their order, deprive any of the said pilots of their licence, 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 such suspension or deprivation, shall take upon him to pilot or conduct any vessel, such pilot shall forfeit and pay fifty pounds current money.

Board may  
make rules,  
&c.

X. And, for the encouragement of pilots to do their duty, Be it enacted, That every master of a merchant vessel drawing nine feet water or upwards, coming from sea, shall be obliged to receive the first pilot who offers below the Horse-shoe to conduct or pilot his vessel, and shall continue the same pilot to his first port of discharge, or shall pay him half pilotage to the first port; and every master of a merchant vessel of the aforesaid draught of water going to sea, shall be obliged to receive a pilot to conduct or pilot his vessel, and shall continue the same pilot to the capes, or pay half pilotage to the capes to the first applicant; and the master of every vessel having no pilot on board, who shall follow another vessel that has a pilot on board, shall pay him half pilotage; and every pilot shall be exempt from militia duty during the time he shall act as pilot.

Vessels ob-  
liged to re-  
ceive pilots,  
&c.

XI. And be it enacted, That every pilot cruising or standing out to sea, shall offer his services first to the vessel nearest the land or in most distress, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money; and if any pilot, not being hindered by sickness or other lawful cause, shall refuse to go on board any vessel, when required by the master, to execute his office, such pilot shall forfeit and pay fifty pounds current money; and in either case, upon complaint and conviction before the board of examiners, such pilot shall be liable to be suspended by them for such time as they shall think fit; and every pilot, on offering his services to the master of any vessel, shall produce and shew to such master his warrant of appointment and licence granted him in virtue of this act, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every neglect.

Pilot to offer  
first to the  
vessel nearest  
land, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any pilot shall negligently or carelessly lose any vessel under his care, and be thereof convicted by due course of law, he shall for ever after such conviction be incapable of acting as a pilot in this state, and shall be also liable by action at common law to pay all such damages as any person shall sustain by such negligence or carelessness; and if any pilot shall run any vessel on shore, he shall be entitled to no pilotage, and if by negligence, he shall also be liable by action at common law to pay all damages occasioned thereby.

Penalty for  
negligence,  
&c.

XIII. And, for preventing exorbitant demands for pilotage, Be it enacted, That no greater reward for pilotage shall be taken than is allowed by this act, to wit,

Rates of pilot-  
age, &c.