

No. 1984-184

AN ACT

SB 1406

Amending the act of March 29, 1803 (P.L.542, No.156), entitled "An act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotages, and for other purposes therein mentioned," further regulating the licensing of pilots.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 17 of the act of March 29, 1803 (P.L.542, No.156), entitled "An act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotages, and for other purposes therein mentioned," amended July 10, 1969 (P.L.154, No.62), is amended to read:

Section 17. Every person not now a licensed pilot, and who desires to exercise the profession of pilot in the bay and river Delaware, shall apply in person to the aforesaid Board of Commissioners of Navigation, for a license to entitle him to follow that occupation; and it shall be the duty of the said Board of Commissioners of Navigation to call to their assistance as many pilots of the first class as they may see fit, not less than three in number, to examine every person so applying, as to his fitness in all respects to perform the duties of a pilot, and to grant licenses to all such as they deem qualified, according to their respective abilities: Those of the first class, to persons capable of piloting ships or vessels of any practicable draught of water; those of the second class, to persons capable of piloting ships or vessels drawing **[thirty-four] thirty-five** feet of water, or under; those of the third class, to persons capable of piloting ships or vessels drawing **[twenty-seven] thirty** feet of water, or under; and those of the fourth class, to persons capable of piloting ships or vessels drawing **[twenty-three] twenty-five** feet of water, or under; which licenses shall be in force for one year from the date thereof, and until the pilots, respectively, shall next after the expiration of the year, arrive with any ship or vessel at the Port of Philadelphia, and no longer; but every pilot delivering up his license shall be entitled to receive a new one in lieu thereof, giving like security as hereinafter directed, unless it shall appear to the said Board of Commissioners of Navigation that the person applying is disqualified from exercising the duties of a pilot; and if any person shall in any manner exercise or attempt to exercise the profession of a pilot in the bay or river Delaware, except in vessels under seventy-five tons burden, without license duly granted, or at any time after his license shall have expired, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, he shall be imprisoned for not less than one month nor more than one year, and be fined a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of October, A. D. 1984.

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