

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1162

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PILOTS: Provides relative to pilotage fees and rates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1122(B)(1), relative to the Pilotage Fee Commission; to  
3 provide for pilotage fees and rates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide  
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 34:1122(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1122. Fees and charges; adjudication of disputes

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9 B.(1) Pilotage fees and rates ~~shall~~ may provide for all ordinary and necessary  
10 operating and administrative costs and expenses, including but not limited to the cost  
11 of, replacement of, and reasonable return on investment of pilot stations,  
12 administrative offices, furniture and fixtures, communication equipment and  
13 facilities, vessels, launches and other required vehicles of transportation and the  
14 expenses of maintaining and repairing same, other transportation expenses, the  
15 expense of maintaining necessary employees, operating materials, consumables and  
16 services, pensions, pension plans, hospitalization, disability compensation, taxes and  
17 licenses, life insurance, license insurance, trade promotions when requested to  
18 participate by industry or any port, required continuing education, legal expense,  
19 accounting expense, professional dues, administrative and professional publications,  
20 state pilot commissions, state and federal requirements, and fair average annual

1 compensation for a state ship pilot, in comparison to regulated state ship pilotage in  
2 other United States ports.

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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
8 effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes pilotage fees and rates to provide for all ordinary and necessary operating and administrative costs and expenses.

Present law creates the Pilotage Fee Commission and provides that the commission shall have exclusive authority to fix and establish reasonable and just fees and rates for all of the following:

- (1) Pilotage service to ships and vessels.
- (2) Pilotage service to ships in distress.
- (3) Extraordinary pilotage service.
- (4) A pilot being carried to sea unwillingly.
- (5) The detention of a pilot.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires pilotage fees and rates to provide for all ordinary and necessary operating and administrative costs and expenses.

Proposed law changes the requirement to an authorization that pilotage fees and rates may provide for all ordinary and necessary operating and administrative costs and expenses.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 34:1122(B)(1))