Prior law provided that bar pilots may, for the furtherance of their interest, form themselves into a voluntary private association or partnership.

New law retains prior law and adds corporations and limited liability companies.

Prior law required every bar pilot to own or be a part owner of at least one decked pilot boat of not less than 50 tons burden. Prior law further provided that the pilot could be suspended, and the governor could revoke his commission, for noncompliance with prior law.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law required pilot boats, when cruising, to exhibit from the foremast head, from sunset to sunrise, a bright white light, visible all around the horizon for a distance of five miles, and exhibit a search light every 15 minutes. Prior law also required pilot boats to exhibit, from sunrise to sunset, a blue-peter from the main top-mast head. Prior law exempted boats that had boarded out all their pilots.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law required all pilot boats to cruise seaward on a radius of five nautical miles from the several entrances of the Mississippi River or from any other waterways connecting the Gulf of Mexico or other outside waters with the Port of New Orleans.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided that Associated Branch Pilots (bar pilots) of the Port of New Orleans were entitled to charge and receive pilotage at the rate of $6.75 per foot of water drawn by any ship or vessel piloted by them, provided that any ship drawing less than 10 feet paid on the basis of a minimum of 10 feet. Prior law further provided that Associated Branch Pilots (bar pilots) of the Port of New Orleans were also entitled to enter into agreements with the masters or owners of ships and vessels for special services and the hire of boats and equipment, and the like, at such rates and for such sums as may be agreed between them.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law prohibited members of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans from having an interest, directly or indirectly, in any bar pilot boat or pilotage.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 34:963; Repeals R.S. 34:950, 951, 952, 954, and 965)