



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2420

PRINTERS NO. 2831

PRIME SPONSOR: Quinn

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	\$0
Political Subdivision Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends a supplementary act to the Board of Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia Act (Act 210 of 1889) to increase the rate of pilotage on the Delaware River and Bay. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: The legislation provides for increased rates of pilotage for conducting a vessel from the Capes of Delaware to a place on the Delaware River or Bay up to the Delair Railroad Bridge and also for every ship and vessel bound to the Delaware breakwater. A charge, to be known as a unit charge, will be determined by length (in feet) multiplied by the extreme breadth (in feet) of the vessel, divided by 100. The charges per unit are changed as follows:

<u>Effective date</u>	<u>Price per unit</u>
January 1, 2022	\$14.91
January 1, 2023	\$15.66
January 1, 2024	\$16.44
January 1, 2025	\$17.26

There is also a minimum charge of 200 units and the maximum charge of 1,550 units for vessels from the Capes of Delaware and through the Delaware breakwater.

The following service charges are also increased:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Current charge</u>	<u>Proposed charge</u>
Ship communication charge	\$265.00	\$275.00
Transporting vessels charge	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
Transporting vessels from Philadelphia Harbor to above Torresdale	\$1,050.00	\$1,200.00
Vessels anchoring below Brown Shoal in excess of 3 hours	\$450.00	\$500.00
Cancellation of sailing orders	\$600.00	\$1,000.00

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or political subdivision funds. The pilot fees, increased within this legislation, are paid by a shipping company to the Pilots' Association for the Bay and River Delaware which are necessary to maintain traffic control, for safety equipment, and to provide for pilots' salaries. The charges provide the funding necessary to maintain the shipping traffic safety system in the Delaware River and Bay.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*