

**SUPPLEMENTARY ACT, PILOTAGE RATES**  
**Act of May. 11, 1889, P.L. 188, No. 210**  
A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To an act, entitled "An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots.

Section 1. (1 repealed Apr. 3, 1981, P.L.4, No.2)

Section 2. That in case a pilot having charge of a vessel, and whilst conducting said vessel be detained, either by order of the master, owner or consignee of the vessel or by ice or by any other unavoidable circumstance, not personal to himself, the pilot shall receive compensation for such detention at the rate of three dollars per day, each and every day so detained, commencing at a period of twenty four hours from the time the detention first occurred.

Section 3. (3 repealed Apr. 3, 1981, P.L.4, No.2)

Section 3.1. For services rendered on and after January 1, 1990, retroactively, the rates of pilotage for conducting a vessel from the Capes of the Delaware to a place on the Delaware River or Bay no further upriver than the Delair Railroad Bridge between Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Delair, New Jersey, or from a place on the river Delaware no further upriver than the Delair Railroad Bridge between Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Delair, New Jersey, to the Capes of the Delaware, in either case, shall be computed as follows:

(a) A charge, to be known as a unit charge, will be made for each pilotage, determined by length overall (in feet) multiplied by the extreme breadth (in feet) of the vessel, divided by one hundred.

(a.1) For the purposes of this act, the following definitions shall be applied:

"Extreme breadth" shall be the maximum breadth between the outside of the shell platings of the vessel.

"Length overall" shall be the distance between the forward and after extremities of the vessel.

"Measurements" shall be in feet and inches (United States).

Inches shall be converted as follows:

1" = .1	4" = .3	7" = .6	10" = .8
2" = .2	5" = .4	8" = .7	11" = .9
3" = .3	6" = .5	9" = .8	

(b) The charges per unit shall be as follows:

(i) (Deleted by amendment)

(ii) (Deleted by amendment)

(iii) (Deleted by amendment)

(iv) (Deleted by amendment)

(v) (Deleted by amendment)

(vi) (Deleted by amendment)

(vii) (Deleted by amendment)

(viii) Effective January 1, 2019..... \$14.47 per unit

(ix) Effective January 1, 2020..... \$14.61 per unit

(x) Effective January 1, 2021..... \$14.76 per unit

(xi) Effective January 1, 2022..... \$14.91 per unit

(c) There shall be a minimum charge of two hundred units and a maximum unit charge as follows:

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- (vi) (Deleted by amendment)
- (vii) (Deleted by amendment)
- (viii) Effective January 1, 2019..... 1,500 units
- (ix) Effective January 1, 2020..... 1,550 units
- (x) Effective January 1, 2021..... 1,550 units
- (xi) Effective January 1, 2022..... 1,550 units

(3.1 amended June 28, 2019, P.L.216, No.26)

Section 3.2. That every ship or vessel bound to the Delaware breakwater for orders shall be obliged to receive a pilot, provided she is spoken or a pilot offers his services, outside of a straight line drawn from Cape Henlopen Light to Cape May Light, and every ship or vessel bound to the breakwater for orders shall pay pilotage fees as follows: A sum equal to half the pilotage to the Port of Philadelphia, and she shall be obliged to take a pilot and pay the same pilotage fees when outward bound, from the breakwater, and if such ship or vessel, without discharging her pilot, proceed to the Port of Philadelphia or any other port or place on the bay or river Delaware, only one full pilotage fee as fixed by section 3.1 of this act, for the entire service, in addition to the fee for detention: Provided, however, That if the pilot bringing such ship or vessel to the breakwater be there discharged, and the ship or vessel afterward proceed to Philadelphia or any other port or place on the bay or river Delaware, she shall make the usual signal for a pilot and continue to make such signal till reaching Brandywine Light, and if spoken by, or offered the services of, a duly licensed Pennsylvania pilot before reaching Brandywine Light, shall be obliged to employ such pilot and pay him for services rendered on and after the effective date of this act, a charge computed as follows:

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(3.2 amended June 28, 2019, P.L.216, No.26)  
 Section 3.3. The following charges are hereby authorized

for the services stated:

- (1) Ship communication charge:
  - Vessels transiting the Delaware River..... \$265.00
  - ((1) amended June 28, 2019, P.L.216, No.26)
  - (2) Transporting vessels in the Delaware:
    - Philadelphia (or other place) to Marcus Hook.. 800.00
    - Philadelphia (or other place) below Marcus Hook 800.00
    - Philadelphia Harbor to Torresdale..... 800.00
    - Philadelphia Harbor to any place above
    - Torresdale..... 1,050.00
  - (3) Extra services:
    - Swing ship to adjust magnetic compass..... 300.00
    - Swing ship to calibrate direction finder.... 300.00
    - Vessels anchoring below Brown Shoal in excess
    - of three hours awaiting flood tide for transiting
    - river channel..... 450.00
    - Carried to/from Baltimore..... 600.00
    - Carried to/from Norfolk..... 1,000.00
    - Carried to/from New York..... 1,000.00
- Vessels entering the Capes for anchorage at the Breakwater for other than tide shall pay one-half pilotage in and one-half pilotage out.
- (4) Chesapeake and Delaware Canal:
  - Vessels transiting the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal:
  - Vessels with a length overall of less than 650 feet..... 1,000.00
  - Vessels with a length overall of 650 feet or more..... 1,500.00
- (5) Cancellation of sailing orders:
  - Cancellation charge..... 600.00
- Any time a pilot is dispatched for sailing and the trip or movement is canceled, for reason other than weather, the vessel shall be subject to this charge, except when the Pilot Office is notified as follows:
  - All piers north of Hog Island- 1 1/2 hours before sailing time.
  - All piers north of Paulsboro - 2 hours before sailing time.
  - All piers south of the above - 3 hours before sailing time.
- (6) Finance charge:
  - A finance charge not to exceed one and one-half per centum per month or fraction thereof may be assessed against all invoices outstanding more than thirty days after the billing date, and the cost of attorney fees on any amount placed with an attorney for collection may also be charged.

(3.3 amended Nov. 4, 2016, P.L.1148, No.148)

**Compiler's Note:** Section 3 of Act 62 of 1998, which amended section 3.3, provided that the amendment of section 3.3 shall apply on or after January 1, 1999.

Section 4. Vessels employed in and licensed for the coasting trade shall be exempt from the duty of employing a pilot, and

the vessels as well as their masters, owners, agents or consignees, shall be exempt from the duty of paying pilotage, half-pilotage or any penalty whatsoever, in case of their neglect or refusal so to do, except ships or vessels under register, bound to or from the States or territories of the United States on the Pacific Ocean; but a coastwise vessel, voluntarily taking a pilot, shall pay a fee which is no more than the fee for pilotage as prescribed in the case of a vessel bound to or from a foreign port.

(4 amended July 11, 1969, P.L.158, No.64)

Section 5. (5 repealed June 23, 1993, P.L.111, No.26)

Section 6. That each and every pilot holding a license from the Board of Commissioners of Navigation, at the time of the passage of this act, shall be entitled to demand and receive a license as a pilot, and demand and receive renewals from time to time thereafter; but no person shall receive a license as a first class pilot till the number of first class pilots be reduced to less than forty-two, and that the whole number of first class pilots shall not exceed forty-two. That the number of second, third and fourth class pilots shall not exceed ten, and that the number of apprentices indentured shall be wholly within the discretion of the Board of Commissioners of Navigation.

(6 amended Dec. 23, 1977, P.L.354, No.108)