
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 543 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY KILLION, YUDICHAK AND TARTAGLIONE, APRIL 10, 2019

REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
APRIL 10, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "A
2 further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a
3 board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the
4 regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,'
5 approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and
6 three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of
7 pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage and
8 computation, for pilotage fees and unit charge and for
9 charges for services.

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

12 Section 1. Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the act of May 11,
13 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "A further supplement to an
14 act, entitled 'A further supplement to establish a board of
15 wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of
16 pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March
17 twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for
18 regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," are
19 amended to read:

20 Section 3.1. For services rendered on and after January 1,
21 1990, retroactively, the rates of pilotage for conducting a

1 vessel from the Capes of the Delaware to a place on the Delaware
2 River or Bay no further upriver than the Delair Railroad Bridge
3 between Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Delair, New Jersey, or
4 from a place on the river Delaware no further upriver than the
5 Delair Railroad Bridge between Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and
6 Delair, New Jersey, to the Capes of the Delaware, in either
7 case, shall be computed as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

19 Inches shall be converted as follows:

20	1" = .1	4" = .3	7" = .6	10" = .8
21	2" = .2	5" = .4	8" = .7	11" = .9
22	3" = .3	6" = .5	9" = .8	

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

24	[(v) Effective January 1, 2016.....	\$14.05 per unit
25	(vi) Effective January 1, 2017.....	\$14.05 per unit
26	(vii) Effective January 1, 2018.....	\$14.19 per unit]
27	(viii) Effective January 1, 2019.....	\$14.47 per unit
28	<u>(ix) Effective January 1, 2020.....</u>	<u>\$14.61 per unit</u>
29	<u>(x) Effective January 1, 2021.....</u>	<u>\$14.76 per unit</u>
30	<u>(xi) Effective January 1, 2022.....</u>	<u>\$14.91 per unit</u>

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

3 [(v) Effective January 1, 2016.....	1,400 units
4 (vi) Effective January 1, 2017.....	1,450 units
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6 (viii) Effective January 1, 2019.....	1,500 units
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10 Section 3.2. That every ship or vessel bound to the Delaware
11 breakwater for orders shall be obliged to receive a pilot,
12 provided she is spoken or a pilot offers his services, outside
13 of a straight line drawn from Cape Henlopen Light to Cape May
14 Light, and every ship or vessel bound to the breakwater for
15 orders shall pay pilotage fees as follows: A sum equal to half
16 the pilotage to the Port of Philadelphia, and she shall be
17 obliged to take a pilot and pay the same pilotage fees when
18 outward bound, from the breakwater, and if such ship or vessel,
19 without discharging her pilot, proceed to the Port of
20 Philadelphia or any other port or place on the bay or river
21 Delaware, only one full pilotage fee as fixed by section 3.1 of
22 this act, for the entire service, in addition to the fee for
23 detention: Provided, however, That if the pilot bringing such
24 ship or vessel to the breakwater be there discharged, and the
25 ship or vessel afterward proceed to Philadelphia or any other
26 port or place on the bay or river Delaware, she shall make the
27 usual signal for a pilot and continue to make such signal till
28 reaching Brandywine Light, and if spoken by, or offered the
29 services of, a duly licensed Pennsylvania pilot before reaching
30 Brandywine Light, shall be obliged to employ such pilot and pay

1 him for services rendered on and after the effective date of
2 this act, a charge computed as follows:

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5 Section 3.3. The following charges are hereby authorized for
6 the services stated:

7 (1) Ship communication charge:

8	[Vessels transiting the Delaware River.....	\$235.00]
9	<u>Vessels transiting the Delaware River.....</u>	<u>\$265.00</u>

10 (2) Transporting vessels in the Delaware:

11	Philadelphia (or other place) to Marcus Hook...	800.00
12	Philadelphia (or other place) below Marcus Hook	800.00
13	Philadelphia Harbor to Torresdale.....	800.00
14	Philadelphia Harbor to any place above	
15	Torresdale.....	1,050.00

16 (3) Extra services:

17	Swing ship to adjust magnetic compass.....	300.00
18	Swing ship to calibrate direction finder.....	300.00
19	Vessels anchoring below Brown Shoal in excess	
20	of three hours awaiting flood tide for transiting	
21	river channel.....	450.00
22	Carried to/from Baltimore.....	600.00
23	Carried to/from Norfolk.....	1,000.00
24	Carried to/from New York.....	1,000.00

25 Vessels entering the Capes for anchorage at the Breakwater for
26 other than tide shall pay one-half pilotage in and one-half
27 pilotage out.

28 (4) Chesapeake and Delaware Canal:

29 Vessels transiting the Chesapeake and Delaware
30 Canal:

1	Vessels with a length overall of less than 650	
2	feet.....	1,000.00
3	Vessels with a length overall of 650 feet or	
4	more.....	1,500.00
5	(5) Cancellation of sailing orders:	
6	Cancellation charge.....	600.00

7 Any time a pilot is dispatched for sailing and the trip or
8 movement is canceled, for reason other than weather, the vessel
9 shall be subject to this charge, except when the Pilot Office is
10 notified as follows:

11 All piers north of Hog Island - 1 1/2 hours before sailing
12 time.

13 All piers north of Paulsboro - 2 hours before sailing time.

14 All piers south of the above - 3 hours before sailing time.

15 (6) Finance charge:

16 A finance charge not to exceed one and one-half per centum per
17 month or fraction thereof may be assessed against all invoices
18 outstanding more than thirty days after the billing date, and
19 the cost of attorney fees on any amount placed with an attorney
20 for collection may also be charged.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.