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CHAPTER 491

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Docking Masters and Bay Pilots - Corrective Bill**

3 FOR the purpose of making certain technical corrections to provisions relating to  
4 docking masters and bay pilots; altering the date on which the term of an  
5 appointed member of the State Board of Docking Masters begins; repealing  
6 certain oath requirements; clarifying the circumstances when a docking master  
7 must be employed; providing that, for certain training trips occurring before a  
8 certain date, independent supervision and verification satisfies certain  
9 licensure requirements; ratifying and validating certain corrections made by the  
10 publisher of the Annotated Code; making this Act an emergency measure; and  
11 generally relating to docking masters and bay pilots.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
14 Section 5.5-101(b), 5.5-202(a), 5.5-205, and 5.5-304(c)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
19 Section 5.5-202(e), 5.5-208, 5.5-401, and 11-208  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

22 BY repealing  
23 Article - Business Occupations and Professions

1 Section 5.5-207 and 11-207  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
5 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
6 Section 5.5-302  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)  
9 (As enacted by Chapter 509 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article - Public Utility Companies  
12 Section 4-303.1  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Chapter 509 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000  
17 Section 4

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

21 5.5-101.

22 (b) (1) "Association" means an association of State licensed docking masters  
23 established by a majority of the individuals who satisfy the licensure requirements of  
24 this title on October 1, 2000.

25 (2) An individual who does not meet the licensure requirements of this  
26 title may not be a member of the Association.

27 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

28 Error: Extraneous comma in § 5.5-101(b)(2) of the Business Occupations  
29 and Professions Article.

30 Occurred: Ch. 509, Acts of 2000. Correction by the publisher of the  
31 Annotated Code in the 2000 Supplement of the Business Occupations and  
32 Professions Article is validated by this Act.

33 5.5-202.

34 (a) (1) The Board consists of 5 members.

- 1 (2) Of the 5 members of the Board:
- 2 (i) 2 shall be licensed docking masters;
- 3 (ii) 1 shall be a representative of a towing boat company serving the  
4 Port of Baltimore; and
- 5 (iii) 2 shall be consumer members.
- 6 (3) The Governor shall appoint each member with the advice of the  
7 Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate.

8 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

- 9 Error: Incorrect reference to the number of Board members in §  
10 5.5-202(a)(2) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article.
- 11 Occurred: Ch. 509, Acts of 2000. Correction by the publisher of the  
12 Annotated Code in the 2000 Supplement of the Business Occupations and  
13 Professions Article is validated by this Act.
- 14 (e) (1) The term of an appointed member is 2 years and begins on [July]  
15 OCTOBER 1.
- 16 (2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms  
17 provided for members on October 1, 2000.
- 18 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
19 appointed and qualifies.
- 20 (4) A member who is appointed after a term begins serves only for the  
21 rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- 22 (5) An appointed member may not serve more than 2 terms  
23 consecutively.
- 24 5.5-205.
- 25 In addition to any powers set forth elsewhere, the Board shall:
- 26 (1) adopt regulations and pass orders to govern and regulate licensed  
27 docking masters;
- 28 (2) be responsible for safety in providing docking services;
- 29 (3) keep a list of all licensees;
- 30 (4) keep a record of its proceedings; and
- 31 (5) adopt an official seal to authenticate its proceedings, official records,  
32 and licenses.

## 1 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

2 Error: Stylistic error in § 5.5-205 of the Business Occupations and  
3 Professions Article.

4 Occurred: Ch. 509, Acts of 2000. Correction by the publisher of the  
5 Annotated Code in the 2000 Supplement of the Business Occupations and  
6 Professions Article is validated by this Act.

7 [5.5-207.

8 Before a member of the Board may examine an applicant for a license, the  
9 member shall take the following oath:

10 "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do (swear) (affirm) that I will impartially examine and inquire into the  
11 capacity, skill, and experience of the applicant or applicants in providing docking  
12 services and will admit them if I find them qualified or reject them if I find them  
13 unqualified, without favor or reward."]

14 [5.5-208.] 5.5-207.

15 The Board exercises its powers, duties, and functions subject to the authority of  
16 the Secretary.

17 5.5-302.

18 (A) To qualify for a docking master license, an applicant shall:

19 (1) be at least 21 years old;

20 (2) be a citizen of the United States;

21 (3) provide the Board with proof of recent satisfactory completion of the  
22 physical requirements for a first-class pilot license, as determined by the U.S. Coast  
23 Guard;

24 (4) agree to participate in a U.S. Coast Guard approved random drug  
25 testing program;

26 (5) possess the following U.S. Coast Guard licenses and accreditations:

27 (i) a first-class pilot license for steam and motor vessels of  
28 unlimited tonnage for the waters on which the applicant will operate;

29 (ii) a U.S. Coast Guard issued masters license for steam or motor  
30 vessels;

31 (iii) unlimited radar observer endorsement;

32 (iv) certification by the U.S. Coast Guard of successful completion of  
33 an accredited bridge resource management program; and

1 (v) Automatic Radar Piloting Aid (ARPA) certification;

2 (6) have a minimum of 5 years' experience in the maritime industry  
3 working on vessels in the deck department as a licensed master or mate on tugs or  
4 inspected vessels, of which at least 2 years' experience shall be operating a ship assist  
5 harbor tug as a licensed master;

6 (7) complete the following training requirements determined by the  
7 Board, including:

8 (i) observation from the bridge of a vessel of a minimum of 300  
9 dockings or undockings in the Port of Baltimore, with at least 25% occurring at night;  
10 and

11 (ii) performing a minimum of 250 dockings, shiftings, or  
12 undockings in the Port of Baltimore under the supervision of a licensed docking  
13 master, with at least 25% occurring at night, at least 100 of which shall be performed  
14 in the 24 months preceding the applicant's application to the Board, with at least 25%  
15 occurring at night; and

16 (8) meet the physical requirements for the docking pilots license, as  
17 determined by the Board, and submit to an annual physical examination.

18 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

19 Error: Tabulation error in § 5.5-302(a) of the Business Occupations and  
20 Professions Article.

21 Occurred: Ch. 509, Acts of 2000. Correction by the publisher of the error in  
22 § 5.5-302(a) of the Annotated Code in the 2000 Supplement of the Business  
23 Occupations and Professions Article is ratified by this Act.

24 (b) (1) Verification of the training trips required under subsection (a)(7) of  
25 this section shall be attested to and signed by a licensed docking [pilot] MASTER.

26 (2) For an applicant who has completed 250 dockings, shiftings, or  
27 undockings required for licensure as a docking master on or before October 1, 2000,  
28 independent verification of the number of dockings shall be provided to the Board by  
29 the applicant.

30 5.5-304.

31 (c) If the applicant qualifies for a license under this title, and the Board  
32 determines that additional licenses are necessary based upon the safety and  
33 well-being of operations in the Ports of Maryland, the Board shall send the applicant  
34 a notice stating that:

35 (1) the applicant has qualified for the license; and

1 (2) the Board will issue a license to the applicant on receipt of a license  
2 fee of \$600.

3 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

4 Error: Incorrect word usage in § 5.5-304 of the Business Occupations and  
5 Professions Article.

6 Occurred: Ch. 509, Acts of 2000. Correction by the publisher of the  
7 Annotated Code in the 2000 Supplement of the Business Occupations and  
8 Professions Article is validated by this Act.

9 5.5-401.

10 Except as otherwise provided in this title, a licensed docking master shall be  
11 employed for:

12 (1) maneuvering [a] EACH AMERICAN vessel ENGAGED IN FOREIGN  
13 TRADE AND EACH FOREIGN VESSEL during the berthing or unberthing operations  
14 with tug assistance; or

15 (2) shifting a vessel within a port with tug assistance.

16 [11-207.

17 Before a member of the Board may examine an applicant for a license, the  
18 member shall take the following oath:

19 "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do (swear) (affirm) that I will impartially examine and inquire into the  
20 capacity, skill and experience of the applicant or applicants in providing pilotage and  
21 will admit them as I find them qualified or reject them if I shall find them  
22 unqualified, without favor or reward."]

23 [11-208.] 11-207.

24 The Board exercises its powers, duties, and functions subject to the authority of  
25 the Secretary.

26 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

27 4-303.1.

28 (a) The Commission shall establish fees and charges for a licensed docking  
29 master to provide docking services in the Ports of Maryland at a just and reasonable  
30 rate.

31 (b) The Commission shall give notice and hold a public hearing on each rate  
32 proposal as provided in this article.

33 (c) In determining a just and reasonable rate, the Commission shall consider:

- 1 (1) the draft, dimensions, and tonnage of the vessel;
- 2 (2) the difficulty and inconvenience of the particular service and the time  
3 and skill required to render the service;
- 4 (3) the time required to render docking service at other United States  
5 ports and the fees and charges for the service;
- 6 (4) the public interest in maintaining efficient and reliable docking  
7 service; and
- 8 (5) other factors relevant to the determination of a just and reasonable  
9 rate.

10 (d) A docking master licensed under Title 5.5 of the Business Occupations and  
11 Professions Article may not demand or receive a different compensation for providing  
12 docking services than the rate set by the Commission under this section.

13 (e) The Commission shall impose an assessment on the association based on  
14 assessment guidelines established for public service companies under § 2-110 of this  
15 article.

16 (f) All fees and charges provided by applicable law shall remain in effect until  
17 changed by the Commission.

18 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

19 Error: Incorrect section designation in § 4-303.1 of the Public Utility  
20 Companies Article.

21 Occurred: Ch. 509, Acts of 2000. Correction by the publisher of the  
22 Annotated Code in the 2000 Supplement of the Public Utility Companies  
23 Article is validated by this Act.

24 **Chapter 509 of the Acts of 2000**

25 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial  
26 members of the State Board of Docking Masters shall expire as follows:

- 27 (1) [3] 2 members in 2002;
- 28 (2) [3]2 members in 2003; and
- 29 (3) 1 member in 2004.

30 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

31 Error: Incorrect reference to the number of board members in Section 4 of  
32 Ch. 509, Acts of 2000.

33 Occurred: Ch. 509, Acts of 2000.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for purposes of satisfying  
2 the training requirements for qualification for a docking master license, for training  
3 trips occurring before October 1, 2000, independent supervision and verification of  
4 the training trips satisfies the requirements of § 5.5-302(a)(7) and (b) of the Business  
5 Occupations and Professions Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Drafter's Notes  
7 contained in this Act are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as  
8 part of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,  
11 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
12 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
13 the date it is enacted.