

## Chapter 125

### (House Bill 82)

AN ACT concerning

#### State Board of Pilots – Limited Licenses

FOR the purpose of increasing the vessel draft for which individuals holding certain limited licenses may provide pilotage; making conforming changes relating to the requirements for demonstration of sufficient ability, skill, and experience and to license fees; and generally relating to the State Board of Pilots.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
Section 11–403, 11–406, 11–407, and 11–408  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

#### Article – Business Occupations and Professions

11–403.

(a) To qualify for a limited license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) An applicant shall have trained as a pilot-in-training for at least 2 years.

(c) An applicant shall possess sufficient ability, skill, and experience for a [28-foot-draft] ~~32-FOOT-DRAFT~~ limited license, a [34-foot-draft] ~~36-FOOT-DRAFT~~ limited license, or a [37-foot-draft] ~~40-FOOT-DRAFT~~ limited license as determined by the Board through observation of the applicant's performance providing pilotage.

(d) An applicant shall meet any other requirements that the Board establishes.

11–406.

(a) If an applicant qualifies for a license under this subtitle, the Board shall send the applicant a notice that states that:

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

(2) the Board will issue the appropriate license to an applicant on receipt of a license fee of:

- (i) \$600 for an unlimited license;
- (ii) \$300 for a [~~37-foot-draft~~] **40-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;
- (iii) \$300 for a [~~34-foot-draft~~] **36-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;

or

- (iv) \$200 for a [~~28-foot-draft~~] **32-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license.

(b) On payment of the license fee, the Board shall issue an appropriate license to each applicant who meets the requirements of this subtitle.

(c) The Board shall seal each license that the Board issues with its official seal.

11-407.

(a) While an unlimited license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee to provide pilotage for vessels of any draft.

(b) (1) While a [~~37-foot-draft~~] **40-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee to provide pilotage for vessels not exceeding [~~37-foot-draft~~] **40-FOOT-DRAFT**.

(2) While a [~~34-foot-draft~~] **36-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee to provide pilotage for vessels not exceeding [~~34-foot-draft~~] **36-FOOT-DRAFT**.

(3) While a [~~28-foot-draft~~] **32-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee to provide pilotage for vessels not exceeding [~~28-foot-draft~~] **32-FOOT-DRAFT**.

11-408.

(a) A license shall be effective for 2 years from the date it is issued.

(b) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall mail to the licensee, at the last known address of the licensee:

- (1) a renewal application form; and

- (2) a notice that states:
  - (i) the date on which the current license expires;
  - (ii) the date by which the Board must receive the renewal application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
  - (iii) the amount of the renewal fee.

(c) Before a license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the licensee:

- (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;
  - (2) pays to the Board a renewal fee of:
    - (i) \$600 for an unlimited license;
    - (ii) \$300 for a [~~37-foot-draft~~] **40-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;
    - (iii) \$300 for a [~~34-foot-draft~~] **36-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;
- or
- (iv) \$200 for a [~~28-foot-draft~~] **32-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;

and

(3) submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the Board provides.

(d) The Board shall renew the license of a licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2010.

**Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.**