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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would relate to the State Pilotage Commission in a Class 2 municipality. The bill would give the commission the sole authority to regulate maritime data for use in pilotage of ships and watercraft in Mobile Bay.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Class 2 municipalities; to amend Section 33-4A-13, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to rulemaking authority of the State Pilotage Commission; to regulate the usage of maritime data for use in pilotage of vessels.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 33-4A-13, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§33-4A-13

(a) The commission ~~shall have the power and authority~~ to may make all necessary rules ~~and regulations~~ regulating the piloting of ships and all watercrafts into and out of any harbor or seaport until berthed at the docking facility in the Port of Mobile or until past the Mobile Entrance Lighted



29 Buoy(M). Maritime data produced by foreign states or by a  
30 foreign or domestic company must be expressly preapproved by  
31 the commission for any official use in pilotage.

32 (b) The commission ~~shall also have the power and~~  
33 ~~authority to~~ may require evidence of the physical and mental  
34 fitness of any active bar pilot at any time and ~~to make~~ adopt  
35 ~~rules and regulations~~ regarding the physical and mental  
36 capacity and fitness of the active bar pilots."

37 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
38 1, 2024.