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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would increase on a graduated
9 basis the bar pilot fees for a bar pilot in Mobile
10 Bay or Harbor from \$31 per draft foot to \$33 per
11 draft foot effective January 1, 2014; to \$35 per
12 draft foot effective January 1, 2015; and to \$37
13 per draft foot effective January 1, 2016. The bill
14 would also increase on a graduated basis the bar
15 pilotage fees based on a vessel's maximum
16 registered gross tons from \$.045 per ton to \$.050
17 per ton on May 1, 2013; to \$.055 per ton on January
18 1, 2014; to \$.0575 per ton on January 1, 2015; and
19 to \$.060 per ton on January 1, 2016.

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT

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25 To amend Section 33-4-48 of the Code of Alabama
26 1975, to further provide for the fees of bar pilots in Mobile
27 Bay or Harbor.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 33-4-48 of the Code of Alabama
3 1975, is amended to read as follows:

4 "§33-4-48.

5 "(a) The master, owner, agent, or operator of any
6 ship or vessel shall pay the pilot who conducts a vessel into
7 or out of the Bay or Harbor of Mobile a fee to be fixed by the
8 State Pilotage Commission at the following rate for actual
9 draft of water at the time of pilotage for every vessel
10 crossing the outer bar of Mobile Bay: ~~Effective April 12,~~
11 ~~2006, the sum of twenty-nine dollars (\$29) per draft foot; and~~
12 ~~effective~~ January 1, 2010, ~~and thereafter,~~ the sum of
13 thirty-one dollars (\$31) per draft foot; effective January 1,
14 2014, the sum of thirty-three dollars (\$33) per draft foot;
15 effective January 1, 2015, the sum of thirty-five dollars
16 (\$35) per draft foot; and effective January 1, 2016, and
17 thereafter, the sum of thirty-seven dollars (\$37) per draft
18 foot. The minimum pilot fee shall be computed on a minimum of
19 15 feet regardless of whether or not the vessel has a draft of
20 less than 15 feet at the time of pilotage.

21 "(b) In addition to the pilotage fee based on the
22 draft of the vessel, there shall also be paid to the pilots
23 the following pilotage fees for every vessel crossing the
24 outer bar of Mobile Bay: ~~Effective January 1, 2007, for each~~
25 ~~of the vessel's maximum registered gross tons, the sum of four~~
26 ~~cents (\$.04) per ton; and effective January 1, 2008, the sum~~
27 ~~of four and one-quarter cents (\$0.0425) per ton; and effective~~

1 ~~January 1, 2009, and thereafter, the sum of four and one-half~~
2 ~~cents (\$.045) per ton. Effective May 1, 2013, for each of the~~
3 ~~vessel's maximum registered gross tons, the sum of five cents~~
4 ~~(\$.050) per ton; effective January 1, 2014, the sum of five~~
5 ~~and one-half cents (\$.055) per ton; effective January 1,~~
6 ~~2015, the sum of five and three-quarter cents (\$.0575) per~~
7 ~~ton; and effective January 1, 2016, and thereafter, the sum of~~
8 ~~six cents (\$.060) per ton.~~ The minimum pilot fee shall be
9 computed on a minimum of 6,500 maximum registered gross tons,
10 regardless of whether or not the vessel has a maximum
11 registered gross tonnage of less than 6,500 maximum registered
12 gross tons.

13 "(c) In addition to the foregoing fees, the State
14 Pilotage Commission shall set fees for special services
15 rendered by the pilots to vessels which are incidental to or
16 connected with vessels being conducted into or out of the Bay
17 or Harbor of Mobile which include, but are not limited to,
18 docking and undocking, going on and off drydock, turning the
19 vessel, shifting, anchorage and stand-by, and delayed sailing.

20 "(d) Vessels trading between any domestic port on
21 the Gulf of Mexico and the Port of Mobile, drawing seven feet
22 or less of water shall not be required to employ a pilot, but
23 if a pilot is employed, the regular pilotage shall be paid. No
24 fishing smack shall be subject to pilotage."

25 Section 2. This act shall become effective May 1,
26 2013, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or
27 its otherwise becoming law.

