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ENROLLED, An Act,

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§33-4-48.

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

1 "(b) In addition to the pilotage fee based on the
2 draft of the vessel, there shall also be paid to the pilots
3 the following pilotage fees for every vessel crossing the
4 outer bar of Mobile Bay: ~~Effective January 1, 2007, for each~~
5 ~~of the vessel's maximum registered gross tons, the sum of four~~
6 ~~cents (\$.04) per ton; and effective January 1, 2008, the sum~~
7 ~~of four and one-quarter cents (\$0.0425) per ton; and effective~~
8 ~~January 1, 2009, and thereafter, the sum of four and one-half~~
9 ~~cents (\$.045) per ton. Effective May 1, 2013, for each of the~~
10 ~~vessel's maximum registered gross tons, the sum of five cents~~
11 ~~(\$0.050) per ton; effective January 1, 2014, the sum of five~~
12 ~~and one-half cents (\$0.055) per ton; effective January 1,~~
13 ~~2015, the sum of five and three-quarter cents (\$0.0575) per~~
14 ~~ton; and effective January 1, 2016, and thereafter, the sum of~~
15 ~~six cents (\$0.060) per ton.~~ The minimum pilot fee shall be
16 computed on a minimum of 6,500 maximum registered gross tons,
17 regardless of whether or not the vessel has a maximum
18 registered gross tonnage of less than 6,500 maximum registered
19 gross tons.

20 "(c) In addition to the foregoing fees, the State
21 Pilotage Commission shall set fees for special services
22 rendered by the pilots to vessels which are incidental to or
23 connected with vessels being conducted into or out of the Bay
24 or Harbor of Mobile which include, but are not limited to,

1 docking and undocking, going on and off drydock, turning the
2 vessel, shifting, anchorage and stand-by, and delayed sailing.

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

8 Section 2. This act shall become effective May 1,
9 2013, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or
10 its otherwise becoming law.

