
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6194

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the provision of pilotage services
2 in the Grays Harbor pilotage district by port districts; adding new
3 sections to chapter 53.08 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an
4 emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 53.08 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 A countywide port district located in part or in whole within the
9 Grays Harbor pilotage district, as defined by RCW 88.16.050(2), may
10 commence pilotage service with the following powers and subject to the
11 conditions contained in this section.

12 (1) Persons employed to perform the pilotage service of a port
13 district must be licensed under chapter 88.16 RCW to provide pilotage.

14 (2) Before establishing pilotage service, a port district shall
15 give at least sixty days' written notice to the chairman of the board
16 of pilotage commissioners to provide pilotage.

17 (3) A port district providing pilotage service under this section
18 requiring additional pilots may petition the board of pilotage
19 commissioners to qualify and license as a pilot a person who has passed

1 the examination and is on the waiting list for the training program for
2 the district. If there are no persons on the waiting list, the board
3 shall solicit applicants and offer the examination.

4 (4) In addition to the power to employ or contract with pilots, a
5 port district providing pilotage services under this section has such
6 other powers as are reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of
7 this section including, but not limited to, providing through ownership
8 or contract pilots launches, dispatcher services, or ancillary tug
9 services required for operations or safety.

10 (5) A port district providing pilotage services under this section
11 may recommend to the board of pilotage commissioners rules of service,
12 rates, and tariffs governing its pilotage services for consideration
13 and adoption pursuant to RCW 88.16.035. The rules, rates, and tariffs
14 recommended by the port district must have been approved in open
15 meetings of the port district ten or more days after published notice
16 in a newspaper of general circulation and after mailing a copy of the
17 notice to the chairman of the board of pilotage commissioners.

18 (6) A pilot providing pilotage services under this section must
19 comply with all requirements of the pilotage act, chapter 88.16 RCW,
20 and all rules adopted thereunder.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 53.08 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 The joint legislative audit and review committee shall study the
24 authorization for the provision of pilotage services in the Grays
25 Harbor pilotage district and issue a report to the house of
26 representatives and senate transportation committees no later than June
27 30, 2006. Specifically, the joint legislative audit and review
28 committee shall review whether the provisions of this act continue to
29 ensure safe pilotage in the Grays Harbor port, whether there was a
30 shortage of pilots, whether shipping has declined since the effective
31 date of this act, and whether other ports have indicated an interest in
32 providing pilotage services.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Nothing in this act is intended to amend
34 chapter 88.16 RCW.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
36 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
2 immediately.

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