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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING MARINE PILOT TRAINING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Transportation, with the advice and assistance of the Pilot
3 Commission, as established by section 15-13c of the general statutes,
4 shall (1) establish such standards for the training of apprentice marine
5 pilots as the commissioner finds necessary for the public interest and
6 safety; (2) prescribe limitations and conditions governing the
7 employment, training and supervision of apprentice pilots and the
8 conduct of apprenticeship programs; and (3) adopt such reasonable
9 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, as
10 the commissioner deems necessary to carry out and enforce the
11 provisions of this section.

12 (b) Each licensed pilot shall participate in a Connecticut association
13 of pilots that has submitted an apprentice training program to the
14 Commissioner of Transportation for review and approval.

15 (c) An association of licensed pilots shall submit an apprentice pilot
16 training program to the Commissioner of Transportation for approval.

17 The program shall be of a duration of not less than two years and
18 applicable to all apprentice pilots appointed to serve in the
19 Connecticut ports and Long Island Sound. The provisions of such
20 apprentice pilot programs to be established and executed are as
21 follows:

22 (1) Upon receiving his or her appointment, an apprentice pilot shall
23 report to the licensed Connecticut state pilots association to which he
24 or she is appointed to serve and shall serve a period of not less than
25 ninety days as an observer trainee.

26 (2) Upon completion of the observer-trainee period, the apprentice
27 pilot shall submit to the board an apprentice pilot handling form for
28 each vessel upon which he or she has accompanied a licensed state
29 pilot. Each such form shall be signed by the pilot in charge who
30 accompanied the apprentice pilot.

31 (3) Each request to increase the limits and specifications under
32 which an apprentice pilot is authorized to pilot shall be submitted to
33 the commissioner and shall be accompanied by an apprentice pilot
34 vessel handling form as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
35 for each vessel the apprentice pilot has piloted since the board last
36 increased his or her limits and specifications.

37 (d) To receive approval for its apprentice training program, a
38 participating pilot association shall:

39 (1) Have at least six licensed pilots;

40 (2) Have all of its members working exclusively under the
41 association's Connecticut license; and

42 (3) Receive no less than ninety per cent of its revenue from piloting
43 work in Long Island Sound and Connecticut ports.

44 (e) Upon successful completion of the apprentice pilot training
45 program, the apprentice pilot shall be appointed to work for a pilot

46 association that works on the Connecticut side of the Connecticut-New
47 York Pilot Rotation System.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a marine pilot apprenticeship program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]